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NAZI OFFENSIVE HELD IN CENTRAL UKRAINE: HUGE GERMAN LOSSES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, AUG. 4 (UP).—PRESSURE WAS UNRELAXED ON THE THIRD DAY OF THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN THE CENTRAL UKRAINE ALONG PARALLEL DIRECTIONS TOWARDS KOROSTEN AND BELAYAT-SERKOV, NORTH AND SOUTH OF KIEV RESPECTIVELY.

R.A.F. PEPPERS MED. COAST Havoc Created Around Tobruk

CAIRO, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Scores of bombs were seen to fall on enemy gun positions in the Tobruk area when squadrons of the South African air force delivered a heavy attack on Sunday.

The South Africans were flying Maryland bombers, states a communique from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East.

PETAIN'S PROMISE TO U. S.

Will Not Concede Bases To Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
VICHY, Aug. 4 (UP).—The Petain Government to-day assured the United States in an authorised statement that it refuses to give up military bases anywhere in the French Empire to Germany or any other Power after the cessation of military facilities in Indo-China to Japan.

The statement answered the stern warning given by Mr. Sumner Welles, American Under-Secretary of State last Saturday.

Observers stated that there is no change in French-American relations as a result of Marshal Petain's "reaction" to the new Axis demands for "closer collaboration." It is said that Admiral Darlan and General Weygand will support him in this stand.

No Repetition

Authorised circles took issue with Mr. Welles' statement but said that there will not be any repetition of the French-Japanese deal because the "circumstances are not the same" in other parts of the French Empire.

One spokesman recalled that on August 30, 1940, M. Paul Baudouin, the then Foreign Minister, signed a treaty with Japan whereby Vichy recognised Japan's preponderant position in the Far East, and added: "on that account, we gave military facilities and at that time the United States did not react." The Japanese told us that there were enemy concentrations threatening Indo-China." The spokesman stressed the fact that the Japanese cited the enemy concentrations as being exclusively Chinese.

Insidious Nazi Intrigue Provokes Latin America

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The continent of South America has figured largely in the news during the past fortnight when from the United States border to Tierra del Fuego have come reports of abortive Nazi intrigues to dictate policy to the high-spirited Latin American nations.

It began with circumstantial details of a Nazi plot which was to have been carried out in Bolivia. This was revealed in a letter by Mayor Elias Delmonte, Bolivian military attaché in Berlin and would-be quisling, to Ernst Wendler, German minister at La Paz.

Delmonte wrote "My friends in the Wilhelmstrasse tell me that information received from you shows that the moment is approaching for the liberation of my poor country from its weak Government and its entirely capitalistic tendencies."

This and other documents were published by the Bolivian President to justify the expulsion of the

THE RED ARMY UNDER GENERAL TIMOSHENKO WHO COMMANDS THE ENTIRE WEST FROM ESTONIA TO THE SOUTH APPEARED TO BE HOLDING FIRM.

At the same time, the eighteen-day battle in the direction of Smolensk where the Russians are counter-attacking repeatedly trying to wipe out the salient is continuing unabated.

There were only minor engagements in the Finnish and Bessarabian fronts.

GERMANS REPULSED

This evening's communique states that there has been a fierce battle near the town of "K" in the north-west sector of the front where five large German tanks attacks were repulsed with terrific losses to the Germans. "All together, 100 German tanks and armoured cars; 45 guns of all calibres; 20 mortars and hundreds of lorries were destroyed and over 1,000 German officers and men killed," the communique added.

Aerial Activity

Another communique states, "Our aircraft are fighting the enemy in the directions of Smolensk, Korosten, Belayatsk and the Estonian sectors. There were no major engagements in the remaining sectors. In co-operation with the land forces Soviet aviation dealt blows on enemy mechanised and motorised units, infantry and artillery."

Nazi Air Raid Failures

MOSCOW, Aug. 4 (UP).—The German attempts to bomb Leningrad have been even less successful than the attempts on Moscow, according to General Mikhail Protsvetkin's claims in "Pravda."

He stated that although the raids began the first day of the war, often several times daily, not a single bomb has been dropped on the city. The Luftwaffe has been unable to penetrate the inner ring of defences comprising anti-aircraft guns, fighters and balloons which invariably intercepted and routed the Germans over the outer zones.

Russian Pockets

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Reports from Germany on the Russian war continued to announce the destruction of Russian pockets of resistance on the two main fronts of Smolensk and Kiev. It is claimed that the advance eastwards is being remorselessly continued at various speeds, the impression aimed at apparently being that the Germans are staying where they have arrived.

How Nazis Opened Hostilities

MOSCOW, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Asserting that Germany threw in forces two to three times stronger numerically than the Red Army stationed at the frontier, the Communist "Pravda" computes that the Germans used 30 divisions (roughly 500,000 men), 10,000 first line aircraft and 15,000 tanks, adding that thanks to Soviet resistance and will, tales of stunning German victories have been replaced by arguments that seizure of territory takes second place to the annihilation of the Soviet armies.

Miscalculations

"Pravda" adds: "The first German miscalculation was failure to destroy the Red Air Force and the panzer blows also failed to achieve their object. Tremendous losses are sapping German morale and instead of an eastern parade they are meeting death and destruction. It is too early to speak of the final results and there are fiercer struggles ahead but Russian resistance and counter-blows are daily becoming stronger."

German drive On Kiev

Kiev, capital of Russian Ukraine, is the objective of a strong German offensive now developing, but which the Russians claim to be successfully resisting. This picture shows one of the principal thoroughfares in Kiev.



DISEMBARKATION OF JAPANESE IN SAIGON CONTINUES

SAIGON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—With the Japanese disembarkation in Saigon still in full swing, a general picture of the movements of the last six days is now clearer.

While Japanese troops began disembarking at Nhatrang on July 27, the first mass incursion into the Saigon area began on July 30, although General Sumita, head of the Japanese Mission, arrived from the north on July 26 with his staff and a few trucks.

Saigon harbour is chock-a-block with Japanese transports, freighters and warships. About 25 transports have already arrived, disgorging troops and material and 30 more are reported to be at present off Cap Saint Jacques.

It is understood that the majority of the occupying forces are scheduled to land at Saigon.

Unseasoned Troops

While all the material appears to be in good condition, the troops are young and give the impression of being unseasoned.

Wholesale requisitioning of buildings is proceeding in all occupied areas. Saigon's half-mile dock piers, the Chamber of Commerce, Hotel Majestic, East Asia Company, A. B. David and Company and several other buildings on the Bund as well as large private residences have been taken over. British concerns and buildings are not affected.

The Messageries Maritimes liner Marechal Joffre is at the dockside accommodating Europeans evicted from the Hotel Majestic and elsewhere.

Saigon is outwardly quiet and the behaviour of the Japanese soldiery is exemplary.

French Move North

French troops and material are moving northwards and all available rolling stock is concentrated in the south, causing delays in the normal train service.

Air France services have been cancelled owing to lack of landing fields. Japanese fighters and trucks are at Tourane aerodrome.

The majority of the Japanese air strength is believed to be concentrated—at the moment—at Nhatrang, estimates varying between

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MUSSOLINI SAYS THE LINE-UP IS—

U. S., Russia And England v. Italy, Germany & Japan

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Aug. 4 (UP).—It is announced that Mussolini, speaking at Mantua last week to the Blackshirts who are destined for Russia, declared that the United States is already lined up with Russia and England against Italy, Germany and Japan.

PLAN FOR MASS SABOTAGE Revelations By Mr. Edgar Hoover

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (UP).—Writing in the "American Magazine," Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said that organised saboteurs had planned a mass attack on defence plants last May, including the bombing of factories from private aeroplanes.

The article stated, "It is now possible to tell the real story behind the headlines. Startling information from reliable sources reached the F.B.I. that organised saboteurs were planning a mass attack on vital defence industries during the long Decoration Day week-end."

Three days before the holiday, the F.B.I. confirmed the reports from foreign sources. Precautionary measures were taken to meet any eventuality. Nothing happened. National alertness and widespread publicity may have circumvented a disastrous outbreak of sabotage."

CALAIS BOMBED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 4 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that last night, despite unfavourable weather, aircraft of the Bomber Command attacked industries and communications at Hanover and Frankfurt on Main. Calais was also bombed.

IRAN RUMOUR DENIED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 4 (UP).—It is officially denied that the British Minister to Iran has advised all British subjects to leave.

FINLAND CUTS TIES With Australia And New Zealand

SYDNEY, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Sir Frederick Stewart, Minister for External Affairs, announced to-day that arrangements are being made for the departure of the Finnish Consul-General.

N.Z. In Line

WELLINGTON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Finland has been declared an enemy country by the Government for the purpose of the Enemy Property and Enemy Trading regulations.

This brings New Zealand into line with other Empire countries who have already taken such action.

LATEST

U.S. Promise To Russia

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The United States has promised all practical economic help to Russia.

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Britain's Superb New Fighter Warplane

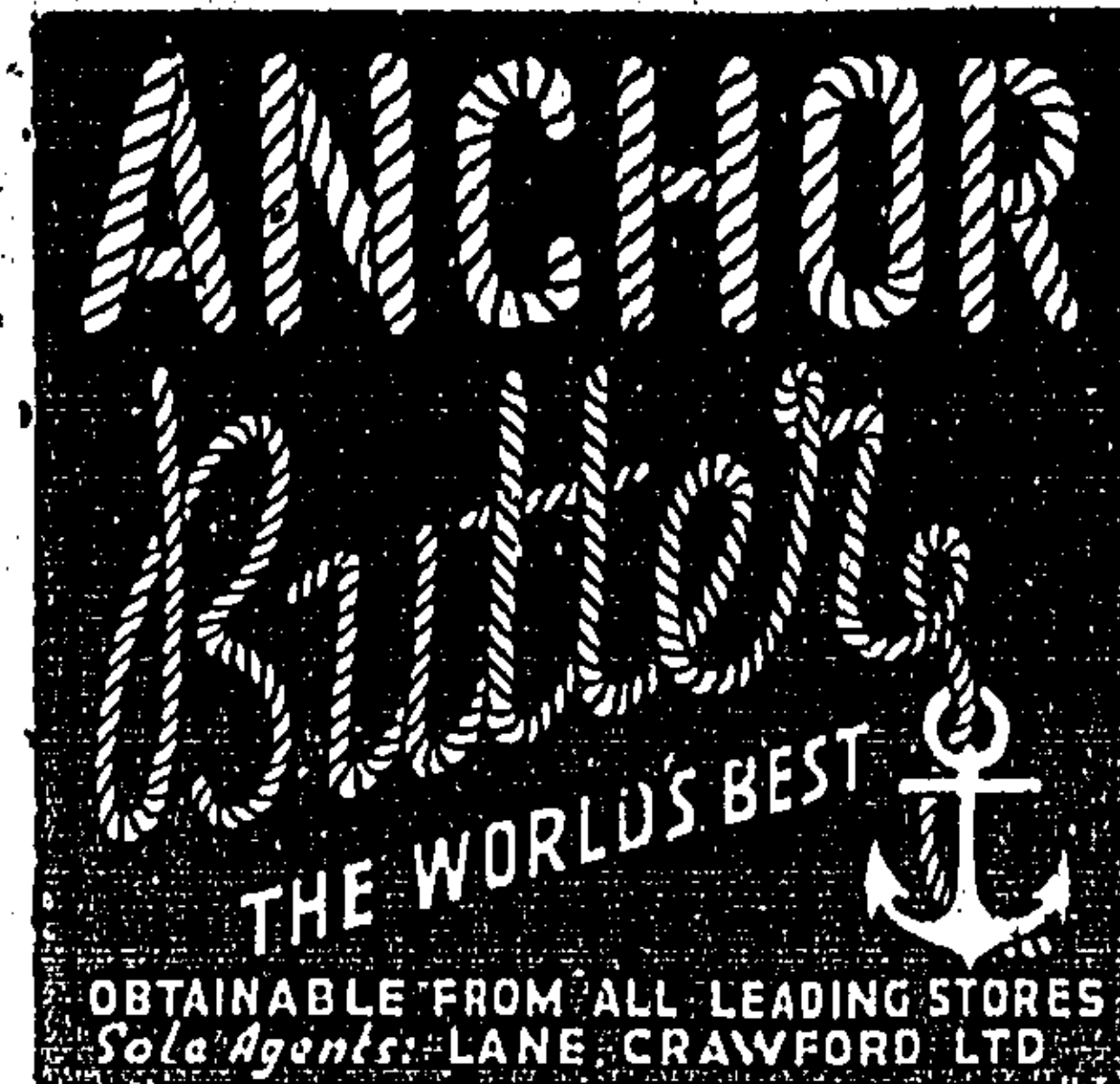
LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Four cannons and six machine-guns comprise the armament of one of Britain's latest and newest long-range day and night fighters—the Bristol Beaufighter—details of which have just been released. This is the most formidable fire-power known to have been fitted to any warplane.

German blitz bombers hit by these cannons fitted in the fuselage and the machine-guns in the wings have exploded and disintegrated.

With a nominal top speed of 330 miles an hour at 14,000 feet, the Beaufighter, carrying one pilot and an observer, has a range of 1,500 miles—again a nominal figure. This is achieved by two Bristol Hercules 111 engines, air-cooled sleeve-valve, radial type, power units with 14 cylinders in two rows and fitted with two speed superchargers for boosting the engine power at high altitude.

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



CONTRACT BRIDGE

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The single raise of partner's suit is more of a courtesy response than the announcement of real strength, yet there are distinct limits beyond which even this sort of courtesy should not be extended. The new Culbertson System, in keeping with its determined policy of reducing hopelessness and especially dangerous contracts, has slightly raised all requirements for holding open the original bid, whether with a single raise, a negative notrump, or even a suit response. We have established the following minimums for single raises: With four of partner's suit, a single raise requires one honour-trick in the hand as a whole. With the minimum in adequate trump support (3 10 x, or Q x x) one-plus honour-trick is required for a single raise. For example, South having bid one heart and the next opponent having passed, North is justified in raising to two hearts with:

AK 7532 K 104 7543 or
AK 4 102 Q K J 63 7542

In the first hand, the singleton spade, it must be remembered, provides one plus-value and the K-J of diamonds 1/2-plus, making up the necessary total of one honour-trick with four trumps. In the second hand there is adequate trump support and one-plus honour-trick.

The logic of holding to these minimums is well exemplified in the following deal:

South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

♠ 84

♥ 1053

♦ K J 82

♣ 932

♠ K 1064

♥ J 7

♦ A 93

♣ Q 1064

♠ Q J 73

♥ 104

♦ Q 764

♣ K J 7

♠ A 82

♥ A K Q 82

♦ 106

♣ A 80

How should this hand be bid?

Match-point duplicate.

North-South vulnerable.

South dealer.

♠ K Q 64

♥ 97532

♦ 6432

♣ K 1064

♥ 73

♦ Q 10

♣ K Q J 105

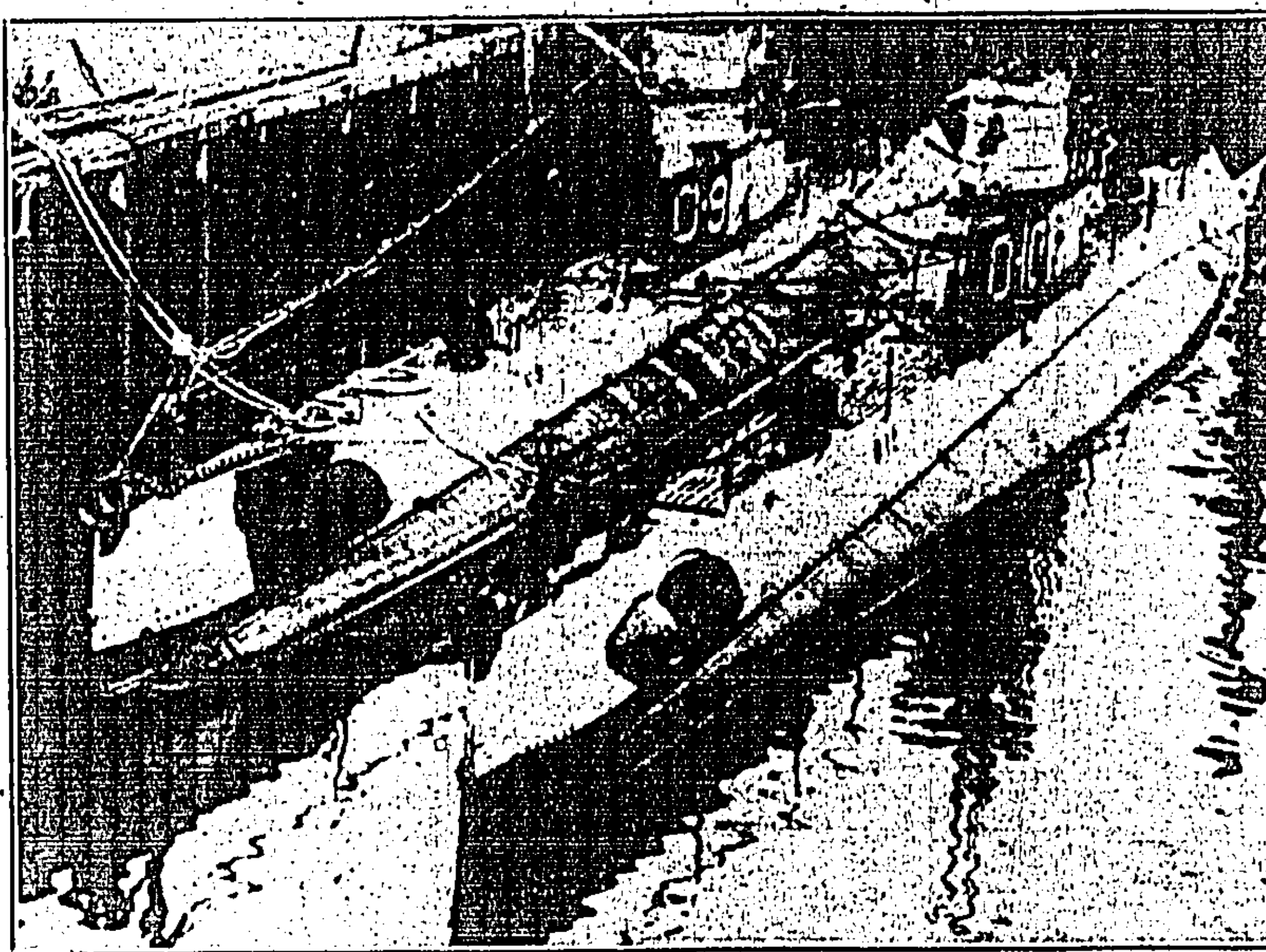
♠ A Q J 5

♥ A 105

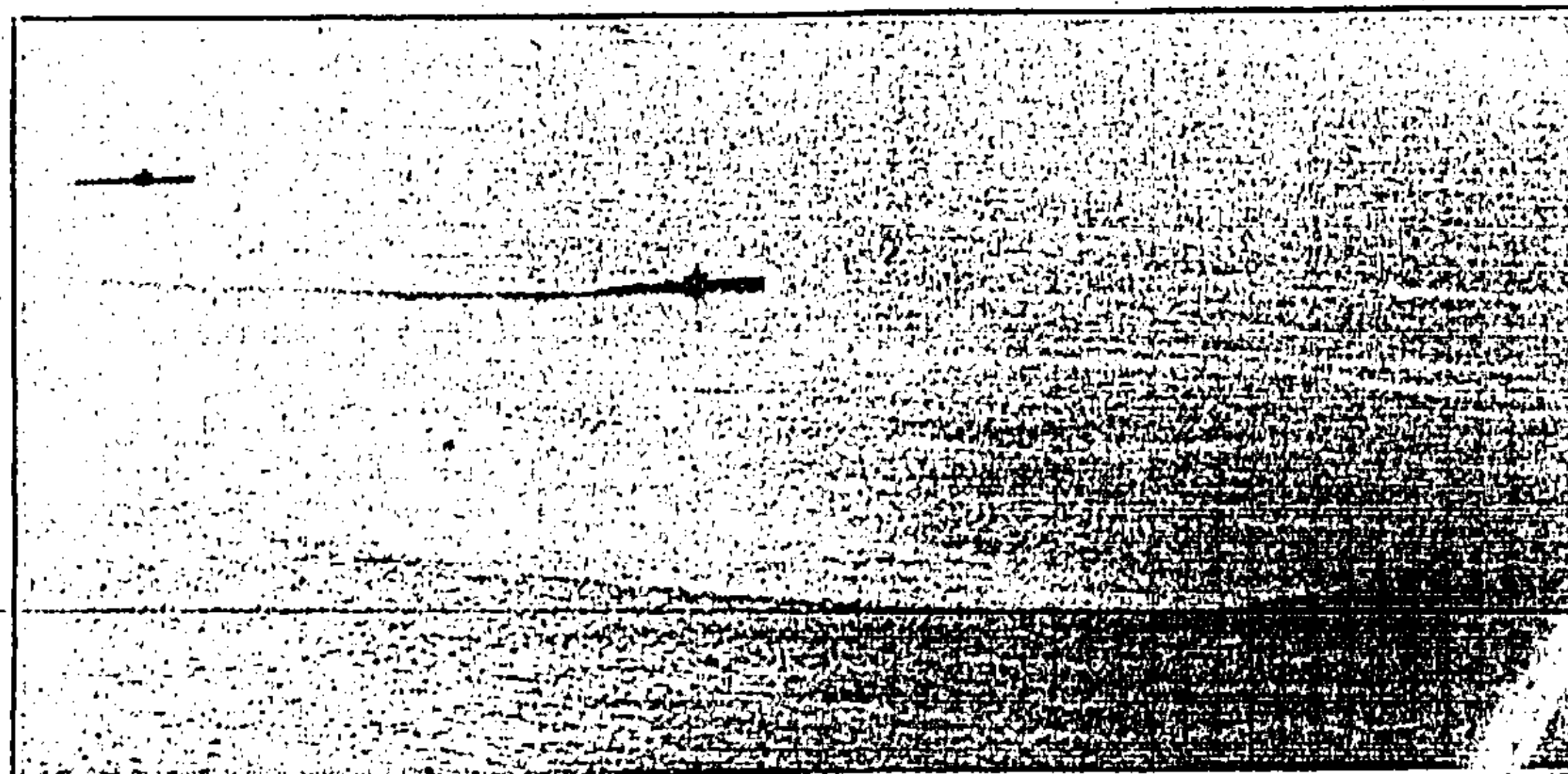
♦ A K J 64

♣ 7

FAILED TO RETURN TO SURFACE AFTER DIVE



The ill-fated U.S. submarine O-9, which sank 24 miles off Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in 402 feet of water, is shown above moored at the dock in Charlestown, Mass., Navy Yard, alongside her sister ship. Below is an air view of submarines combing the waters in an effort to locate the lost craft. The plane from which the picture was taken was also engaged in the search. The tremendous pressure probably crushed the submarine like an eggshell.



Ultra-Violet Rays Are Used To Check Spread of Disease

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 3 (UP).—The possibility of using ultra-violet rays to check the spread of air-borne contagious diseases in school rooms and other meeting places was suggested to physicians at the American Medical Association convention here.

William F. Wells and his wife, Mildred, both of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, showed how by using ultra-violet light to sterilize the air in classrooms they had reversed the usual trend of a measles epidemic in three schools.

They reported that during a recent epidemic only a third as many cases occurred in primary grades where ultra-violet irradiation was carried on as in secondary grades not subjected to the experiment.

Ordinarily, during epidemics, there are three times as many cases in the lower grades as in the upper, Wells said.

He suggested that the method might be valuable to military authorities in preventing the spread of disease where men are congregated.

The experiments were conducted in a Germantown, Pennsylvania, school and two public schools in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. Wells, a bacteriologist and his wife, a physician used simple, indirect ultra-violet fixtures in the lower grades. They were hung low and operating continuously during school hours, sent out rays which killed bacteria borne on the natural air currents in the room.

The result "strongly indicated," Wells said, the feasibility of extending the plan to such public assembly places as theatres and churches.

LATE MR W. FORSYTH

Dies In Glasgow

News was received in the Colony yesterday of the death in Glasgow on August 2 of Mr William Forsyth, formerly of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd, at the age of 74.

The late Mr Forsyth was born at Lossiemouth, Elginshire, Scotland, and served his apprenticeship as an engineer at Dumbarton. He later joined the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company and the Burma Oil Company and came to Hongkong in 1912 as an engineer foreman with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. He retired in 1934 and returned to Scotland.

The late Mr Forsyth leaves two sons, Mr W. R. Forsyth of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, and Mr Alec Forsyth who is at home, and one daughter, Mrs D. J. Purves of Glasgow.



WAR OF NERVES

"There goes the warbling note, Sir. Will you wear the grey pin-stripe or the brown tweed?"
"What—who—?"
"The warbling note, Sir. I gather, Sir, that there is hostile aircraft in the vicinity."
"Tell it to go away. Tell it I'm busy with a Blitzhangovertrip."
"Very good, Sir. I take it you are feeling the effects of—or—the little celebration last night?"
"Hawkins. If the R.A.F. could only drop hangovers like mine behind the enemy lines the war would be over before you could say Messerschmitt."
"No doubt, Sir. But on the other hand, the enemy would probably discover Rose's Line Juice, Sir. Ahem—as I have mentioned before, Sir—the restoration of the metabolic balance by Rose's Line Juice—"
"Don't stand there mumbling, man—get some Rose's—at once. Oh! there goes that awful din again."
"That, Sir, is the sustained note or All Clear. There is a bottle of Rose's at your elbow, Sir."

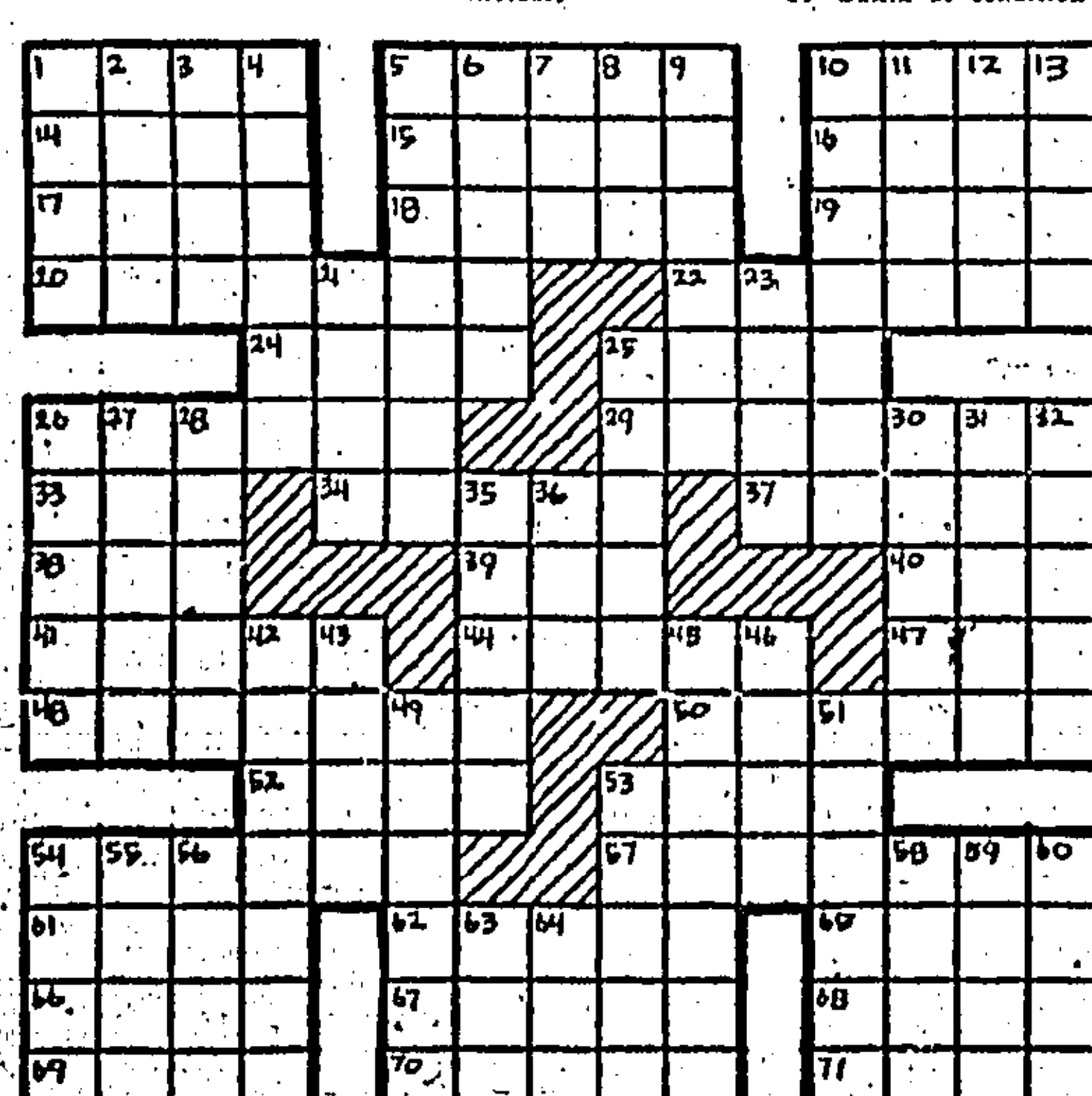
ROSE'S—THE WISE MAN'S NIGHTCAP

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS
1—Carry gently
2—Nation
3—Friedrich
4—European barbarian
5—One who heaps
6—Plant
7—City in Nevada
8—Circus ring
9—Ireland
10—Make ready
11—Circus animal
12—Pierces
13—Center around
14—Interval of time
15—Bunch of
16—Grape-vines
17—Blutched eggs
18—Space for horses
19—In stable
20—Man-eating plants
21—Girl's name
22—Decline in chair
23—Advertisement
24—Joking
25—Annoying animals
26—Cliff mound
27—Lapse up
28—Sutures
29—Laid
30—Conceded facts
31—Leave out
32—Girl's name
33—Small pin
34—Made commonplace by repetition
35—That which makes cold
36—On side away from wind
37—Artist's stand
38—Kind
39—Parade
40—Those who color
41—Grecian seaport
42—Twist out of shape
43—State positively
44—Security
45—Buffet of condition



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DE GAULLE AS A LEADER

In March 1916, in the glorious inferno of Douaumont, a young Captain, gravely wounded for the third time since the beginning of the war, was captured on the battlefield. On five occasions he attempted to escape and five times he was recaptured. But neither reprisals nor persecutions could get the better of him. And when the victory of our armies liberated him, the man was well tempered who gave himself entirely to the service of France.

In his book, "The Army of the Future", published in 1934 one reads:

"In order to bring into being the professional army, and in order that that army should be provided with the material and with the new spirit without which it will never be more than a will-o'-the-wisp, a leader will have to appear whose judgment is independent, whose orders are irresistible, and who is well thought of by public opinion. He must be in the service of only the state, free from prejudices, disdaining patronage. He must be firmly committed to his task, absorbed in far-reaching plans, well-informed about the men and things to be dealt with. He must be a leader who is at one with the army, devoted to those he commands, eager for responsibility; a man strong enough to compel, clever enough to persuade and great enough to carry through a great task. Such will be the minister, soldier or politician, to whom the nation will owe the next reconstruction of its forces." The man above, described is de Gaulle himself, and he

seems to have foreseen then that the time would come for him to be a leader. Never in the long history of France, neither at the height of her power nor at the lowest mark of her weakness, has a Frenchman held this astonishing and simple title: "Leader of all free Frenchmen". One must know well a man who has this title to understand how much he is worthy of it. Worthy to be a Leader and—what is rarer still—worthy to command free men. For such is the spirit of France that these two words—which would conflict in the tongue of her invaders—blend admirably in hers.

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Charles de Gaulle was a Leader during the last war, at the head of his company of infantry in Belgium, in Champagne, at Douaumont. He was a Leader again during the first phase of this war—of this war which continues for him—when, as a young general, he ordered his tanks against enemy positions and reaped, under the walls of Abbeville, one of the rare successes of an army always brave, but to whom an incapable General Staff had refused the means to conquer.

And what is more, his new strategy which would have prevented disaster, de Gaulle, indefatigably, year after year, had never ceased in his books, to preach to empty benches.

It is a Frenchman, who as early as 1934 demonstrated that a war of movement would in future have the advantage

over the strategy of massed men; it is a Frenchman who assigned to mechanised armies and motorised units an essential and decisive role. But, unfortunately for France, it is a German General Staff who put into practice what a French mind had conceived. General Guderian, creator of the German mechanised army, acknowledges in his books that General de Gaulle is a precursor and a master. Thus the army that the Reich has built up against France, it is France who first could have organised it against the Reich and reduced Hitler to defeat or, better still, to peace through fear of defeat.

Even during this war, when de Gaulle, practically in extremis, renewed his warnings, once again the General Staff would not listen. Was one afraid of the truth? Was one scared of a French victory? It is now time for Frenchmen to compare this man with those who have made their nest in defeat!

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But to command free men, it is not sufficient to be leader. One must also find himself incapable of commanding slaves. General de Gaulle does not resemble the European dictators, these centaurs who add a bust of man to the animal mass of their peoples. He need not make inflated speeches, but when he must explain what the Free French are, he says, in a quiet and simple voice: "Two ways were open. My companions and myself have chosen that of honour." They are not "his men." They are not "his soldiers." They are "his companions." The men who follow de Gaulle will follow him to the end, but if they fall in battle, it is not his name that they will pronounce last. It is the name of France.

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RUSSIA'S FIGHT

THE semi-scepticism with which the earlier Russian claims of successes against the so-called invincible Nazi war machine was received in the sympathetic democratic countries, is now rapidly giving way to unqualified appreciation of the magnificent showing which the Soviets are making on the 2,000-mile war front. The original suspicions as to the extent of the achievements of the Russian army and air force were governed very largely by two considerations; firstly that it was generally believed outside of Russia that Stalin's fighting forces lacked first class equipment and real leadership; secondly, Russia, like Germany, had long practised skilful propaganda which, it was feared, might be misused in the form of exaggerated claims as is the case with Germany.

Happily both these conceptions proved to be entirely unfounded. Russia has demonstrated to the world that she possesses both splendid equipment and imaginative and highly competent military leaders, while the Moscow propaganda department has been so careful in wording its communiques that subsequent events have more than once shown that Russian successes have been understated. These are factors which breed confidence not only in Russia itself, but among her allies and sympathetic neutrals. The most gratifying feature of the Russo-German war is that Russia is the first nation in the present European conflict to have withstood a Nazi invasion longer than 39 days without suing for an armistice; more than that, she has secured the initiative on several sectors, notably in the extreme north and in the central region. It is the Nazis in these areas who now face the prospect of a terrifying blitz.

By and large the situation on the eastern front is consoling and encouraging. Doubts have given way to confidence, and there is a growing conviction that Hitler has committed the supreme blunder which is to presage his ultimate downfall. This is not to suggest that the Germans are already a beaten army in Russia; fortunes in modern warfare can swing very rapidly and Hitler is not likely to withdraw from this eastern adventure without resort to every type of strategy known to his military chiefs; but he does face the prospect of falling morale among his forces, while the Russians, encouraged by their fine showing to date, are growing more determined and more confident in their resistance. These can be all decisive influences in a conflict where men and materials are quantitatively equal.

The Strange Case of HESS'S PROPHET

By Elizabeth Castonier

In April, 1933, the famous clairvoyant Jan Erik Hanussen, a Polish Jew with an unpronounceable name, disappeared from his Berlin flat. The Nazis had just obtained power, and his disappearance was only mentioned casually in the Press—after all, he was a Jew.

But Hanussen had played a very important role in the Nazi Party's development. He had been poor a few years previously. But by performances in variety theatres all over Central Europe he had made a fortune. He lived in a luxury flat in Berlin's Mayfair and everybody who was anybody consulted him: businessmen, millionaires, aristocrats—and they had to pay heavily.

He foresaw the Nazi danger long before it actually came. And he tried to remain in constant touch with more or less important party members in order to become a "Schutzjude" (Jew protected by the Nazis). Among his constant customers were many who were killed in the great purge of June, 1934: Helms, Brueckner, Count Hellsdorf.

Rudolf Hess came for advice to Hanussen. It was a well-known fact that Hess was a highly strung, superstitious youngster who believed in the "Kurfischer" (those who diagnose diseases by looking into the patient's eyes, touching his hand to establish contact, and prescribing harmless herbs and dried grass at exorbitant prices).

Hanussen had predicted Hitler's future and given him advice many times. But only before Hitler came into power. Afterwards Hanussen was just a Jew, but dangerous because he knew too much of the private lives of leading Nazis. Many of them felt very uneasy about this man who knew that the "inner circle" surrounding Adolf Hitler was rotten and consisted of sadists, masochists and perverts of different grades. He gave large sums to the party. He financed Count Hellsdorf, who was constantly in debt and being blackmailed because of his abnormal inclinations.

Shortly before taking over the command in Germany, Hitler had a detailed horoscope made by Hanussen. Hanussen made two of them, an official one and one for his files. The one handed over to Hitler predicted victories, successes and immortality. The other foresaw Hitler's death. He was to be shot by one of his

glamour boys, the one he loved best. This private prophecy disappeared from his files and Hanussen was taken from his flat by two S.S. men.

After a while, rumours began to spread that Hanussen had been murdered. Hess gave an order that Hanussen must be found, dead or alive, at any cost.

And the body was found in a wood near Berlin, with bullets in his back.

A humble shoemaker in Berlin's suburb immediately made a statement that he had seen a man, hands tied behind his back, looking like Hanussen, being pushed past his house into the wood. He heard shots, looked out and could just see the two Nazis in uniform putting back their revolvers and dragging the corpse away. This shoemaker never returned to his home.

But it was an almost official secret in Berlin that Hanussen had been shot because Hitler had suspected Hess to be the man who might kill him some day.

Japan Lacks Air Power To Dominate Far East

By HENRY WOOD

United Press Staff Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4 (UP).—The entire balance of power in the Far East may have been, changed by the apparent certainty that aerial rather than naval or military strength will be the decisive factor in the present war, according to the Institute of Pacific Relations.

A complete survey of Japanese aviation just completed by the Institute reveals that where Japan has always counted in the past on her Navy to maintain her supremacy in Far Eastern waters, the sudden shift to aviation as the dominating factor in modern warfare has caught her quite unprepared.

Her Navy, operating by necessity in the limited South China Sea, is already within effective striking distance of aerial bases at Hongkong, Netherlands India,

the Philippines, China and even the Aleutian Islands.

The survey points out that as evidence that Britain is fully aware of the manner in which aviation has changed the whole balance of power in the Far East a British Air Marshal is now Commander-in-chief of the British Far East Forces.

"British spokesmen have already claimed air superiority in the South China Sea and the Japanese have not contested it," the survey states.

Fought On Paper

"The great battle of aeroplanes versus warships has already been fought on paper at the desks of all military staffs in the Far East," the survey states. "This theoretical battle takes place in the South China Sea. Its object on water is the Japanese Navy. The planes are predominantly of British and American design. The stage has been set. However, while the British have openly stated the basic revolutionary outline of their new strategy, Tokyo has been strangely silent."

The Institute finds that Japan has at the present time—according to the claims of the Navy—some 4,000 warplanes, and an annual output of about 3,000, evenly divided between the Army and the Navy.

"The same source, however," the Institute states, "disclosed that about 60 per cent. of Japan's naval warplanes are obsolete and possibly a danger to their pilots' lives rather than to the enemy."

Against this number, the Institute finds, have already 2,000 planes in the Far East at their disposal.

"This would be more by one-third than the modern planes of the Japanese naval force. Virtually all of this concentration of western aerial power is shore-based, which means an advantage additional to its quantitative superiority. In addition, the basis of the bulk of the survey states, "that informal Japanese planes would still be in the homeland more than 3,000 miles away and it is extremely unlikely that the Japanese would be willing to deprive the homeland of all protection by naval planes."

Cannot Build

Besides her present aerial inferiority, precisely at the moment when aviation is taking the ascendancy in modern warfare, the survey reveals that for basic reasons that cannot be changed, Japan has little opportunity of ever building up to present demands for aviation if she is to maintain her supremacy by force in the Far East.

"Japan's current output of military planes is estimated at 250 per month," the survey states, "or one-eighth of the United States output. Her lack of machine tools and of trained pilots are severe handicaps. Moreover it is doubtful whether Japanese aeroplanes comply with modern standards of the efficiency."

"As late as 1939, Italian planes, whose inferiority to British aircraft has been since demonstrated, were employed by the Japanese in Manchukuo and Mongolia."

The survey also ascertained that as the Japanese have concentrated on bomber planes for use in China where there was little if any opposition, they have failed to develop the fast fighters now necessary to accompany bombing expeditions, especially against fleets.

Whether or not the Japanese pilot is capable of manning fighters and engaging in "Stuka" diving is also an unknown factor, it is pointed out.

The survey finds that the whole war strategy of the Far East is now apparently based on the changed fact that aviation rather than naval power is going to be the decisive factor here in the future.

The decision of the Netherlands Indies to defend all of the northern islands, instead of merely Java, as the gateway to Sumatra, the Institute attributes to this fact. While it was unable to get full figures on the increased aviation force that is being built up there, it cites their export licences for planes from the United States as indicative of what is being done.

These call for 100 of the heaviest bombers and 1,000 lighter combat planes in a single month.

China's Role

With this new development of aviation as the big factor for bringing about a change in the balance of power in the Far East, the survey points out that China is destined to play an important role.

"It is not accidental," the survey states, "that informal discussions have recently taken place between British and Chinese military authorities. It may be assumed that the present course of American aid to China is no more the implementation of a mere sentimental or moralistic attitude."

This policy is now supported by the Staffs of the United States Army and Navy, as they visualise the Far Eastern defence as an integrated whole—China, the Philippines, Netherlands India, British Malaya, Australia, and Burma all of them pooling their military resources with those put at their disposal by the United States.



"Our leader has decided to strengthen the war cabinet—he's giving himself an extra vote!"

My 3-Weeks Fast

IT has always surprised me that Face and neck first began to show signs of getting thin. Girdle fat proved the most obstinate, and there was still plenty of it left at the end of the period.

The desire for physical activity found expression in garden work.

The summer was at its glorious height and this new-found lightness and energy kept me out of the back of my house there was a paddock about 1½ acre in extent. I moved this field with a scythe, health exercise, and it will relieve carried and stacked the hay, single-handed, in less than a week. In chronic complaints that have defied earlier years my annual holiday had never proved long enough to the best skill of the medical profession me to mow this same patch of grass.

Doctors look askance at the fast of grass. At other times during the fast I was a therapeutic method. They can- not afford to take chances, and there is always a risk attached to the practice of fasting. But most people, in good health or not, can fast for quite a long period without harm.

My own fast was undertaken with the consent and under the supervision of a doctor. It was my intention to do give up smoking at the same time, but the double-hurdle proved too of carving the joint, buttering the bread, and so on. In ambitious for me. During the fast children's bread, I do not recommend this. I smoked about 20 cigarettes a day. During a fast the nose becomes and drank about five pints of Argentinian tea without milk or sugar. I chose Argentinian tea because it contains practically no tannin.

A Craving for Marzipan

Thanks probably to the cigarettes, hunger in the ordinary sense scarcely troubled me, but I developed an inordinate craving for marzipan. There is a reason for everything, it seems, and my doctor was able to explain even this quaint reaction. I act of smoking caused the liver to release some of its stored sugar. This diminished the immediate feeling of hunger, but later on it created a craving for sugar to make good the amounts so released.

My weight at the beginning of the fast was 100 lbs. I was stoutish, but not actually fat. After two days without food I began to experience pleasant sense of lightness, a feeling that physical activity would be well. At the end of a week my weight was down to 104 lbs; at the end of a fortnight it was 107 lbs; at the end of three weeks it was 100 lbs.

Life Full of Zest

The doctor visited me daily, and was amazed at my physical activities. Indeed, I think he was at first sceptical that I was carrying out a strict fast, but the rapid and consistent reduction of weight soon convinced him.

The return to food was cautious but delightful. At first only soups, then small helpings of solids, and finally back to ordinary food again. Every dish was a re-discovery, a flavour heightened a hundredfold by the long abstinence. The temptation to over-eat was tremendous, much more difficult to resist than the temptation to eat during the fast itself.

DOUGLAS COMPTON-JAMES.

New Zealand Airman Wins Victoria Cross

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The Victoria Cross has been conferred on Sergeant James Allen Ward, of the local New Zealand Air Force No. 75 Squadron, in recognition of "most conspicuous bravery."

On the night of July 7, Ward was second pilot of a Wellington bomber returning from an attack on Münster. When flying over the Zuider Zee, the aircraft was attacked from beneath by a Messerschmitt. Fire broke out near the starboard engine, and, fed by petrol from a split pipe, quickly gained an alarming hold, and threatened to spread to the entire wing.

The crew made a hole in the fuselage and made strenuous efforts to reduce the fire with extinguishers and even coffee from their vacuum flasks without success.

As a last resort, Ward volunteered to make an attempt to smother the fire with an engine cover.

Made Holds
With the help of the navigator, he climbed through the narrow hatch, breaking the fabric to make hand and foot holds where necessary, and also taking advantage of the existing holes in the fabric, Ward succeeded in descending to the wing, and proceeding to a position behind the engine, despite the slipstream from the aircraft which nearly blew him off the wing.

Lying in this precarious position he smothered the fire in the wing fabric. Tired as he was, he was able, with the navigator's assistance, to make successfully the perilous journey back into the aircraft.

Exciting Four Months
Although Ward had been in Britain only four months, he had taken part in nearly a dozen raids. Since joining his present squadron, he had, to use his own words, had done "two Kiels, one Dusseldorf, one Cologne, one Münster and one Mannerheim."

Before joining the R.A.F. in July last year, he was a schoolmaster and was trained in New Zealand under the Empire training scheme.

This is the seventh Victoria Cross of the war to go to British airmen and the first to be gained by a New Zealander.

N. Z. LINEN FLAX CROP SOLD FOR DURATION

WELLINGTON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The New Zealand Prime Minister (Mr. Peter Fraser) has cabled from London stating that the United Kingdom Government has agreed to buy for the duration of the war and for a year after it New Zealand's linen flax crop from 25,000 acres.

The prices for 1941-42-43-44 have already been agreed upon and prices after 1944 will also be fixed by mutual agreement.

The Minister of Commerce, Mr. Sullivan, described this arrangement as most satisfactory and said that the increased acreage would necessitate the erection of six more processing factories, sites for which had already been acquired.

Progress In Year
Mr. Sullivan added that apart from supplying Britain with fibre and although it was less than a year since she undertook to grow flax for Britain, New Zealand had supplied £25,000 worth of pedigree seed to Britain, India, Egypt and Australia, exceeding the value of the original seed received from Britain.



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Vichy-Berlin Bonds Cemented

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MARSEILLES, Aug. 4 (Dome).—M. Paul Marion, Minister of Information in the Vichy Government, stressed the necessity of Franco-German coalition at a meeting of Government representatives and members of the Commerce and Industry Ministry held recently.

M. Marion said that malicious rumours had been in circulation but in fact Germany was not planning to enforce any demands which would soil the reputation of Premier Petain or of Vice-Premier Admiral Darlan. He asserted that Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan were right in their conviction that the only way to save France from the reverses of defeat was through unconditional co-operation with Germany, with which the French people should acquiesce. France and Germany, the Minister stressed, are correlated in their existence.

"Japan Has Worked... To Keep Peace"

TOKYO, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Prejudices abroad have prevented a fair understanding of the Far Eastern situation, declared the "Japan Times," organ of the Japanese Foreign Office, which affirms that the policy of Japan is one of "Hakko Ichi Aye," meaning "an harmonious world under one heaven."

The newspaper complains of America's pursuit of a policy consistently imperialistic and says that no volume of moral imputations on her part can offset the evidence of America's spreading domination.

Adding that Washington has extended its influence far from the New World into the territory of other peoples, the newspaper urges the American people to re-examine the policy which designs the attempted punishment of all foreign countries which do not line up with American power politics.

Japan has worked consistently to keep peace in the Far East, and has the right to live in peace and co-operation with the territories around it.

Hull Returns To Duty

With Undimmed Ardour
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—"With unity of purpose and maximum effort, the remaining free peoples of the world will win and the victims of the forces of evil will be liberated," said the Secretary of State Mr. Cordell Hull, addressing his first press conference to-day after an absence from duty of nearly two months.

Mr. Hull called for ever-increasing preparations for defence "whenever and wherever such defence can be most effective."

He added that if a full effort is made to attain maximum production, a successful resistance to the present world movement of invasion and destruction can be made and in my judgment will be made.

Chinese Victory In Hupeh

ENSHIH, Aug. 4 (Central News).—Chinese forces in west Hupeh scored a substantial victory last Saturday when they defeated over 7,000 Japanese troops northeast of Ichang, forcing them in the direction of Tangyang, 30 miles northeast of Ichang.

The Japanese based along the Ichang-Kingmen highway moved three columns against the Chinese forces heading for Ichang. A battle of sizeable magnitude subsequently developed featured by Chinese efforts to lure the Japanese main column inland before counter-attacking.

A Japanese counter-thrust assisted by bombing planes and light artillery failed. A Japanese general retreat ensued with the Chinese pursuing.

GALLUP POLL ON JAPAN
WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (Central News).—According to a Gallup poll published to-day, a survey asking the question, "Should the United States take steps now to keep Japan from becoming more powerful even if this means risking war with Japan?" received the following answers: 51 per cent in favour, 31 per cent against and 18 per cent undecided.

N.E.I. Will Relax Freezing
BATAVIA, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The Netherlands East Indies authorities have agreed to extend export licences to Japan for goods such as oil, rubber and tin, payment for which was settled prior to the N.E.I. action in freezing Japanese assets, says a Japanese report.

Japanese residents in the N.E.I. who are affected by the freezing order are reportedly being allowed to withdraw part of their accounts to cover payments for salaries, telegram fees and rentals on presentation of detailed claims to their banks.



ANSWER BRITAIN'S CALL—In answer to Britain's call for radio technicians to operate new radiolocators, more than 200 signed up at British Consulate, New York, in one day.

GERMANS REGRETTED ANTAGONISING CHINA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (Central News).—China's swift and decisive action in severing diplomatic relations with Germany on her recognition of the Wang Ching-wei regime came as a complete surprise to Reich officials, Mr. Chen Chieh, returned envoy, informed the "Central News" in an exclusive interview to-day.

Generally speaking German officials and financiers regretted the severance of relations between the two countries while civilians were particularly surprised and deplored the recognition of the puppet government, Mr. Chen said.

Chinese are still popular with the Germans and many families of high German officials and financiers bade farewell to the Chinese diplomats upon their departure from Berlin. Mr. Chen disclosed that the Japanese had been working very hard to get Berlin's recognition of the puppet government and it is generally believed that recognition was granted merely to maintain Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka's position in the Komei Cabinet in order to keep the Axis intact. Berlin's recognition was not particularly out of love for the Japanese or dislike for China but chiefly as an expedient in view of Japan's wavering attitude which caused anxiety in Germany.

Anti-War Sentiment
Asked about the internal situation in Germany, Mr. Chen said that there is undoubtedly a certain amount of anti-war sentiment existing but this cannot find large-scale expression. War supplies and foodstuffs from occupied countries are insufficient to meet German demands and the country is facing financial difficulties. Members of the Chinese Embassy in Berlin and the Chinese Consulates in Hamburg and Vienna had all been withdrawn. Chinese remaining overseas included 150 students who had been promised financial aid by German cultural organisations.

WAILING WALL PILGRIMAGE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—A record pilgrimage estimated at well over 25,000 persons visited the historic Wailing Wall in the old city of Jerusalem during Saturday and Sunday in observance of the anniversary of the destruction of the second temple in A.D. 70.

Roosevelt At Sea

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW LONDON, Conn., Aug. 4 (UP).—President Roosevelt left here this morning for the seas off the Southern New England coast on a vacation cruise aboard the Presidential Yacht Potomac.

The President may meet Admiral Ernest King, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet at sea for a conference regarding the Atlantic patrol. His movements are being kept secret.

Human Hair Like Giant Redwood

CHICAGO, Illinois, Aug. 3 (UP).—A new super-microscope whose magnifying power should show a human hair the size of a giant redwood tree was described recently by Dr. V. K. Zworykin, associate research director for the Radio Corporation of America.

He told a meeting of scientists, physicians and businessmen the device would magnify 100,000 times and permit observation of an object less than one seven-millionth of an inch in diameter—50 times smaller than those visible under the best ordinary microscope. Zworykin said the microscope already had been used for industrial research under the defence programme and predicted it would be a valuable weapon in the fight against disease. He said it used electron beams instead of light beams to form images. Magnification equivalent to that of the super-microscope would make a human hair appear to size of a California redwood tree, it was said, and a baseball would seem to be four and one-half miles in diameter.

German Ship Is Intercepted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 4 (UP).—The Admiralty announced to-day that the Royal Navy has intercepted the German steamer Frankfurt of 5,520 tons which was attempting to run the blockade from Rio de Janeiro. The time and place was not specified. This is the eighth German blockade runner to be intercepted this year.

Freezing Courtesy

TOKYO, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The Finance Ministry states that whereas the Japanese Government has been informed that Japanese diplomatic and consular services in Britain and Australia have been exempted from the assets freezing regulations, the same consideration is extended in Japan to British and Australians effective on August 3.

Louis-Nova-Conn Merry-Go-Round

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each time you combine them differently.

In the Ivy-coated big three, Yale used to whale Princeton in football, and Princeton whaled Harvard. But Harvard was always very tough for Yale.

In tennis, 20 years ago, there was another overlying triangle of the same kind.

Matter Of Styles

VINCENT Richards, then a boy wonder, had Big Bill Tilden's number. He didn't beat Bill invariably, but invariably he gave him trouble. Tilden had little Bill Johnston under his thumb. He whipped Johnston at will. But Johnston beat Richards, the nemesis of Tilden, with great consistency.

It was mostly a matter of styles, and the same explanation applies to Louis and Conn and Nova—if I am correct in my devious and electrifying theory that Louis can beat Conn, Conn can beat Nova, and Nova can beat Louis.

By this theory, Louis hits too swiftly and murderously for Conn. A lot of the boys have told you Conn might have won if he'd boxed and run in the last three rounds of their fight this week.

I don't believe it for a minute. Conn was boxing and running when Louis nailed him with a right in the thirteenth round. It was Joe's first square hit of the evening, to the head, and when Louis really nails you, you don't box and run any more. You either drop at once, or you do what Conn did—try desperately to carry the fight back to Louis. Conn was nailed and cornered, and he fought back bravely, but unavoidably. Now, although Louis will knock out the Conns when he hits them cleanly, the Novas are a different family.

I doubt whether Nova is fast enough to stop or catch Conn. On the other hand, I think Nova can take Louis's best punch—the best punch of the Louis of 1941. Nova is strong as a bull, burning with ambition, a great absorber, and just skilful enough to stab Louis, to cut him, to hurt him, and perhaps to stop him.

Scattered Bombings On Britain

LONDON, Aug. 4 (UP).—A joint communique issued by the Ministry of Home Security and the Air Ministry states that there was slight enemy activity on the east coasts of Scotland and England last night.

Bombs were dropped at a few scattered points including one in north-east England where some houses were demolished and some casualties caused, including a small number of people killed.

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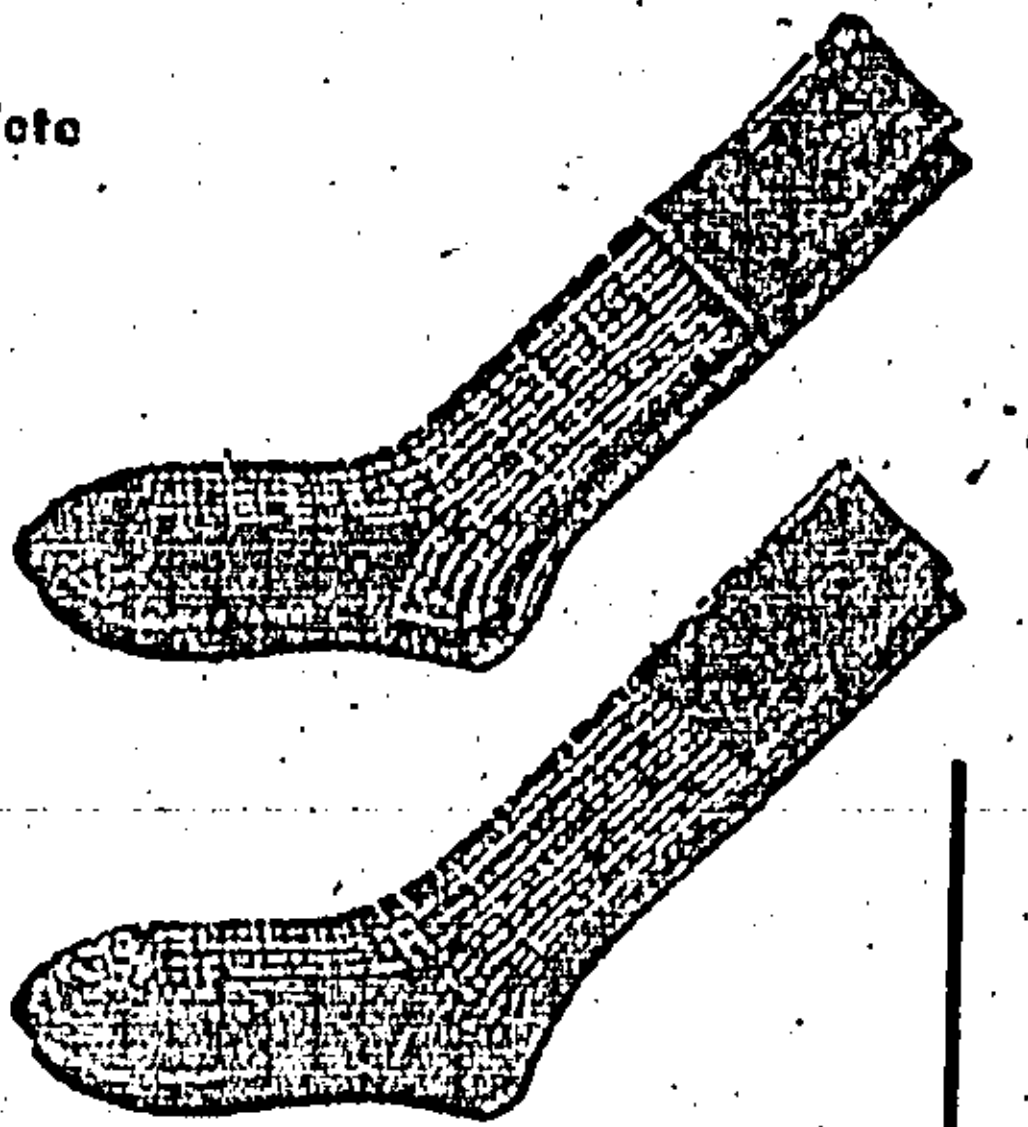
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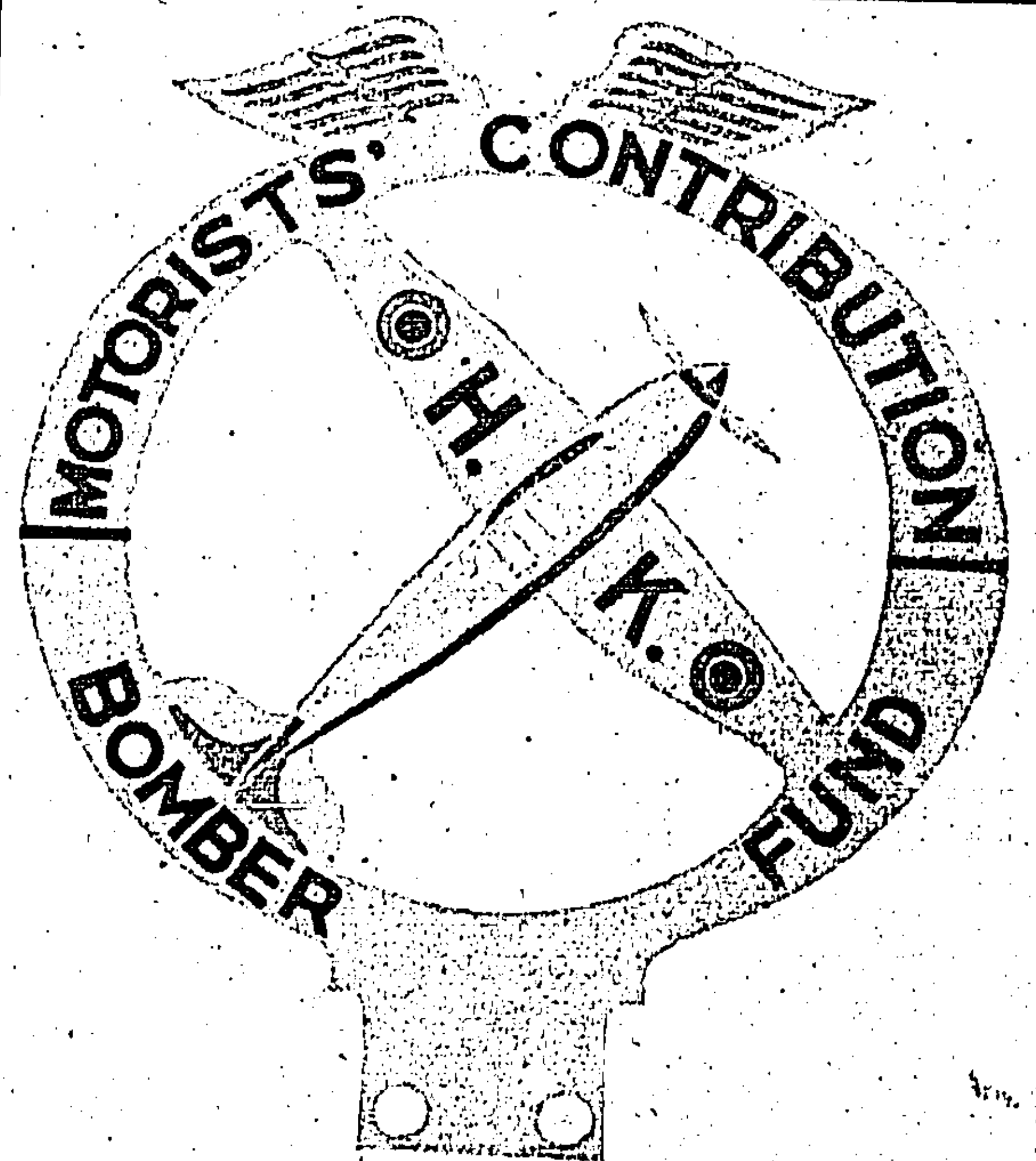
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"Ball Fan's" Baseball Notes

Mindanaomen At Pennantville's Door

Pitcher Powlawski Finds Old Form

Chung Hwa Battered And Humbled

Counter-balancing yet another dreary week-end baseball programme, when head-on winds from the north preceded a downpour of torrential rains to completely wash out the Sabbath tilt, the comeback hurling dished in by the brilliant Ski Powlawski, proved a boomerang tossed in the right direction, for ball fans at the Chatham Road park.

The high-powered "Skier" led Mindanao's terrific M to the very doors of Pennantville for the second year in succession, as the champions smashed through to a colossal 14-1 triumph over grandpa Leung's weak-willowed Chung Hwa Maroons.

WITH a re-organised infield playing steady ball, and with the recently signed Mac MacKenzie making his debut bow before local ball fans in the outfield, the master speedballer bore down with all the confidence in the world.

Using a steady fast ball with a slight change of pace, Hongkong's leading twirler had the Chung Hwa Maroons virtually eating out of his hands as he set the Chinese favourites down with three meaty bingles and whiffed ten.

Setting off a few sparks in the opening stanza which had the gas-house mob warmed up at the outset, the terrific M threatened to open up with the pressure by filling the bases on a single, a bunt and a walk, after Wee Willie Wilson had whiffed in the breeze; but Mac MacKenzie's foul hoist and Holter Wilson's slow roller to hurler Wally Ching cut short this initial canto near uprising.

The sparks ignited by the champions gradually opened up into a slow flame in the 2nd frame when two runs crossed the platter on a smashing double to centrefield by Spud Groneck, which sent Greasy Moore heading homeward; Morocco Chan's wild heave to third brought in the clouting Groneck with the second tally in this warm-up stanza.

Chung Hwa rushed through with their lone run in the last of the second when shortstop Greasy Moore bungled a hot roller by grandpa Leung, sending Morocco Chan whizzing across the plate to avert a shut-out.

Conflagration

The slow burning flame, ignited by the champions in the early part of the game, broke into red hot conflagration in the 5th stanza when five big tallies crossed the plate in a mad scoring spurge.

Mac MacKenzie singled past short to start off this eventful inning. Bob Wilson walked and Chinese hurler Wally Ching's wild heave after scooping up a perfectly lined bunt by Bowersox, brought MacKenzie rushing in toward the plate. Greasy Moore laid down another perfect bunt along the third base line to send another run flashing across the pan. The flustered Wally Ching again threw wild as the terrific M fans yelled electrically when Bowersox cashed in at home plate. Groneck whiffed for the first out and Wee Willie Wilson grounded to third base, to make it two in a row as grandpa Leung's cheering chorus along Chatham Road breathed a temporary sigh of relief. Muddy Ruel came through with a mighty

Saturday's Stars

Ski Powlawski and Hank Ruel, Mindanao—The popular "Skier" made a brilliant comeback to pitching form as he set the Maroon gang down with three scattered bingles and fanned ten; latter dished in with a steady fielding game in his initial appearance at first base. The "Crooner" also slammed out two sizzling hits and crossed the platter with two tallies.

The Chung Hwamen appeared pretty well baffled in the tough going, with the heavy Mindanao scoring pressure turned on in full.

Game Ends

This eventful inning meant the ball game and restored the confidence, so synonymous in the make-up of champions, to Mindanao's pennant-holding ball team, after that ill-fated loss to the marauding Mohawks a few weeks back.

With the burning yearn for more runs solidly imbedded in the American gunboat ball machine, the flame of red hot conflagration tempo reached its climax pinnacle in the last canto when six (count 'em) runs crashed over the platter in a mad merry-go-round spree—sending the Maroons out with another big loss, definitely telling the gas-house mob, just who will nab the Bagram Shield this year, sending a spark of that well-known "happy feeling" to all Mindanao fans at Ski Powlawski's return to twirling form and telling one and all in gigantic red-trimmed letters, "Pennantville has been reached."

Score:—
Mindanao 0 2 1 0 0 0 0 0 14
Chung Hwa 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1

Batteries:—Ski Powlawski and Tony Muscavage; Wally Ching and Bill Chang.

League Standing

	W.	L.	Pts.
U.S.S. Mindanao	6	1	.857
Hongkong Beer	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa Maroons	4	3	.571
U.S.S. Asheville-Tulsa	1	1	.500
H.K.B.C. Mohawks	3	4	.429
Royal Engineers	2	5	.286
South China	1	6	.143

* have withdrawn.



LETTING ONE GO THROUGH

Spud Groneck, Mindanao, giving a ball the "once over", and it looks like a walk, for the ump. Walfie Welford, has three digits of the left hand out. Bill Chang, Chung Hwa catching.—Ming Yuen.

Louis-Nova-Conn Merry-Go-Round

NEW YORK.—The heavyweight picture to-day is triangular, with the solemn face of Joe Louis in one corner, the sweet but slightly damaged kisser of Billy Conn in another, and the anxious countenance of Lou Nova in the third, writes John Lardner in the Vancouver "Daily Province."

Mr Nova wants to fight Louis this year, for reasons both comic and financial, but they probably will ask him to beat Conn first if they don't ignore him completely.

Mr Nova does not wish to beat Conn, or even to meet him socially. He believes Conn's place is in the ash can. He wants Louis now.

"Why should I have to fool with Conn?" the sun-kissed student from California was asking after Conn's lively waltz with Louis. "He's not my size; he's not in my class. I've beaten tougher fellows than he is. Besides, Mike Jacobs promised me the September shot with Louis, and Louis is the boy I want."

A bystander suggested that if Mr Nova declines to mingle with Conn, they may just skip the Californian entirely and rematch Conn with Louis.

"Both Too Big For Conn"

"WHAT for?" said Mr Nova stubbornly. "Louis stiffened Conn. He washed him up. He proved his point. He's too big for him. We're both too big for him. Why don't Conn go somewhere and play and leave us heavyweights to settle the heavyweight situation?"

This reasoning, though highly sound from the point of view of Mr Nova and his immediate relatives, will not, of course, make any impression on Michael Shrewsbury Jacobs, the Duke (pronounced deuce) of boxing. Uncle Mike has three good cards in his hand, and he is going to play them his own way.

The Louis-Conn-Nova triangle has a rather odd phase. I think Louis can lick Conn again; I think Conn can lick Nova, and I'm beginning to suspect that Nova can lick Louis. Mind you, none of the characters in question concedes these points. Conn believes himself to be master of the situation. Louis is confident against anybody. And Nova's contempt for Conn is perfectly genuine. But styles and weights and speed and power produce different results. TURN to Page 5, Column Five

Chinese Soccerites Soon Returning

SYDNEY, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Because of the tension in the Far East, the Chinese soccer team now in Australia will leave for Hongkong after playing the last test.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A. Swimming Trials To-night

FURTHER TRIALS for the selection of the V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A. team to meet the Combined Chinese Clubs this week-end at the V.R.C. will take place this evening in the V.R.C. pool. These will commence at 8 p.m.

All-Schools Gala

As regards the all-Schools gala on August 23, a meeting of representatives will be held at the V.R.C. this evening. This, also, is scheduled for 8 p.m. To date, eight entries have been received. Five are from boys' schools. These are: Boys—St. Joseph's College, La Salle College, Diocesan Boys' School, St. Stephen's College and Nam Hwa College. Girls—St. Mary's School and the French Convent.

South China's Second Gala

South China A. A. will hold their second swimming gala of the season to-night at North Point, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The programme is: Men's 50 metres free-style, men's 200 metres breast stroke, ladies' 100 metres free-style, men's 50 metres stroke, 50 metres handicap (training class), men's 200 metres breast stroke (handicap), 50 metres blind-fold race, ladies' 200 metres breast stroke (handicap), diving and water-polo (South China v. Chinese Bathing Club).

Exhibition Model Aeroplane Contest This Month

Sponsored by the Hongkong Model Plane Association, the first Model Planes Exhibition in Hongkong is scheduled to take place on August 14, when over 10 different types of model planes will be on display. Entries must be made before August 10, and planes sent to the Association before August 13. The planes will be exhibited on the show shelves of the China Products Company, Des Voeux Road Central. The Board of Directors of the Association held a meeting yesterday when it was decided to invite General Chen Chin-yun, Vice-Minister of Overseas Affairs, General Li Fu-yuan, Mr. Liang Shou-yi and Mr. Huang Shun-hai as judges. Model Planes flying-contest is also being planned and up to the present more than 100 entries have been received.

County Teams In Holiday Cricket Action

W. J. Edrich Scores 102

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—With the majority of the leading players in action, cricket was the main August Bank Holiday attraction today. A crowd of 20,000 saw a combined Middlesex-Essex side score 12 for 6 declared against a combined Kent-Surrey XI at Lord's. The outstanding feature of this match was the innings of 102 by Squadron Leader W. J. Edrich, the England Test cricketer. This match concludes to-morrow.

Worcester Wins

Worcestershire beat Warwickshire by 32 runs. Worcester—139, Warwick—107.

Drawn Match

Northants drew with Leicestershire. Scores were: Northants—165 for 8 decd. Leicestershire—149 for 1.

60 For O'Connor

London Counties, comprising several of the leading southern County players drew with the Mayor of Southgate's XI to-day. Scores were: London-Counties—163 (O'Connor, of Essex, 60). Mayor of Southgate's XI—23 for 4.

Derby-Notts Draw

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire drew. Scores were: Derby—216 for 6 declared. Notts—57 for 1.

Two Hat-Tricks In One Match

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—A two-day cricket match took place over the weekend between British Empire team and the Metropolitan Police, British Empire won by 153. Remarkable bowling marked the match. T. Oliver, of the Police, took six for 35, including the hat-trick in the Empire's second innings, but Police in their second innings found C. B. Clarke, the West Indies test player, practically unplayable. Clarke took all 10 wickets for 29, including the hat-trick. Scores: British Empire—172 and 149-9 (declared). Police—85 and 72.

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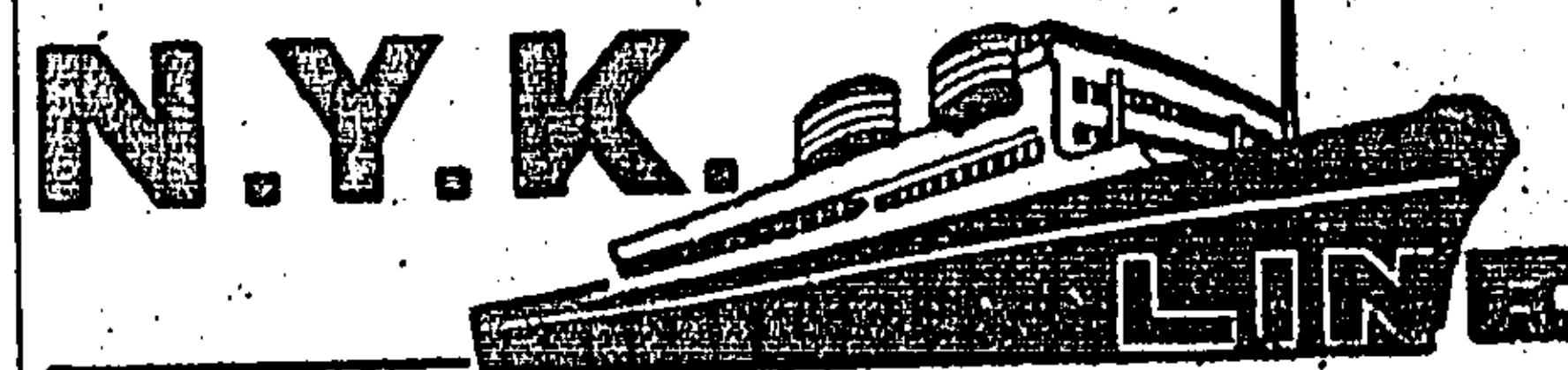
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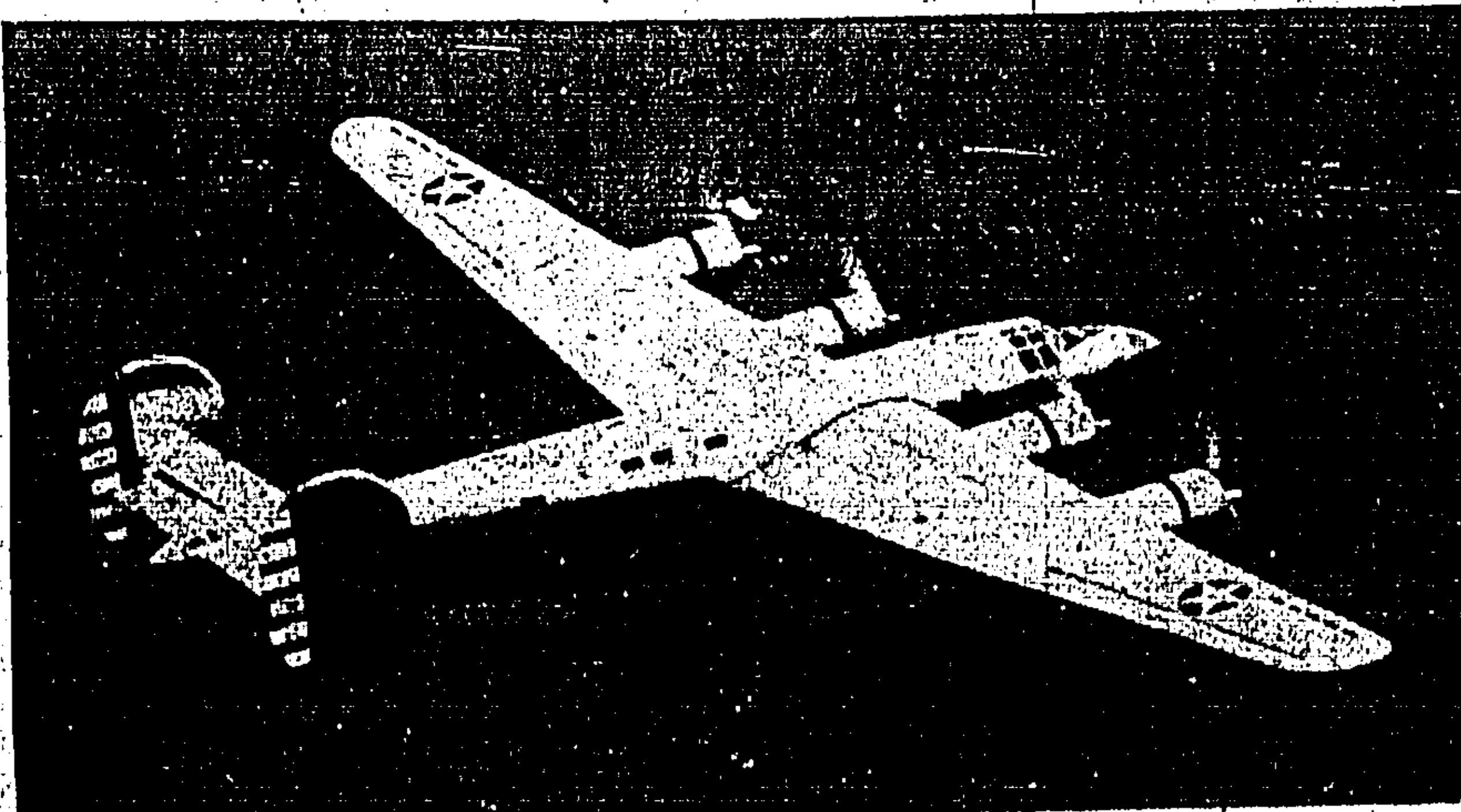
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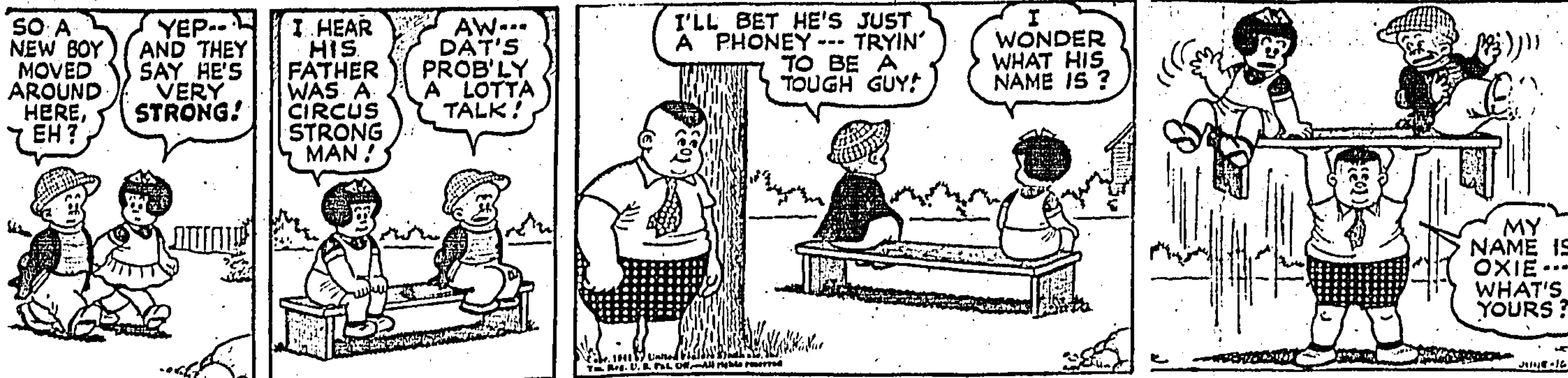
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BERNE, Switzerland.—Among Europe's S. S. and S. A. troops, Iron Guardists, Sons of Wolves, Fascist organisations, and Communist guards, there is one organisation of politically elite young men who are fighting openly for the ideals and the methods of democracy with the weapons of propaganda and mass psychology. They are the Gottard League of Switzerland.

Faced by the constantly increasing undermining activity of Nazi splinter parties and foreign agents, these young men banded themselves together and determined in their leaves of absence from Army service to defend their country with propaganda as they were ready to defend it with modern weapons on the frontier. They based their decision on the knowledge that the Axis powers regard propaganda as a part of warfare itself and attack with words and ideas and emotions before they come with bombers and tanks.

First of all, the young Gottard Leaguers decided to put a halt to the rumours which ran about the country on every occasion in which Europe and Switzerland faced a crisis. They were sure that hundreds of professional rumour mongers in the pay of the Axis were taking advantage of the receptivity to any wild tale which the excitement and tension of the European situation periodically created in the Swiss public mind.

Women would come with the excited tale that a leading Army officer had just fled the country. Form hands would whisper mysteriously that two spies had just been caught dressed as nuns. People would say that "certain higher officers" were converted to Nazism.

Cautious On Rumours
The Gottard League in key positions in the Army and in civil life traced these rumours as far as possible. The story seemed to be most frequently pinned on a non-existent "lieutenant colonel." Wherever they could in their contact the Gottarders urged civilians to restraint and discipline in the spreading of such rumours and to a calm sceptical attitude toward any story of a sensational nature unconfirmed by official sources.

They went even further than this. They handed chronic rumour mongers whose weakness was merely the vanity of knowing the latest story over to the police for light penalties and professionals in the game who spread rumours with the intent to weaken the morale of the country for severe punishments.

Most slippery customers are the well-organised "fifth column" in every Swiss city who, just as in Czechoslovakia, Austria, Holland, Belgium and Poland, divide the district into blocks for each of which a "columnist" is responsible. The Gottarders are determined to bring their methods out into the light and to expose their word for the fraud that it is.

The Real Conditions
Gottard leaders are at the present time speaking from countless platforms of Switzerland combating the insidious idea carefully planted and spread by these paid "columnists" that Switzerland cannot and will not defend itself in case of attack. The Swiss can and will defend themselves, of this the Gottarders are convinced with a crusading conviction which they are carrying to every one of their fellow citizens.

The ridiculous promises of "fifth columnists" of "free train rides and

overnights in the best hotels," furniture and cheap houses," "State bonuses to the small saver and decreased taxes" and countless other benefits in return for a "change of mind" toward Germany, are being exposed by the Gottard men in public lectures delivered by people of intelligence who have actually been to these neighbouring foreign countries which are supposed to be so ideal and who actually know and can describe conditions there.

The Swiss are an international people acquainted with every country in Europe where they have business and personal connections. It is very difficult to fool them.

A more difficult problem is economic and political spying. The Swiss have an efficient though small Federal police to enforce the laws against this activity, but it is impossible in a Nation where there are so many Germans and other foreigners to keep the Axis powers from getting information of a personal or business nature which they exploit and ruthlessly employ to bring pressure on individuals to gain inner political influence.

Typical Axis Pressure
They use such phrases as, "We would appreciate it if so and so

would change his stand on such and such a question." Of course the Germans have exact records of the weaknesses of character, ambition, lack of success and money, debts of leading men in every branch of public and business life.

Against the sort of fear which such an uncanny weapon can spread the Gottard Leaguers bring the example of fearless patriotism and constant clarification and enunciation of the "lasting principles of Swiss democracy."

They are not stilt reactionaries. They have many reforms to make Swiss democracy better, to give the workers a better life and to inspire youth to take part in public life and to strengthen the family, but they do believe ardently in Swiss democracy as "The greatest state idea the world has ever seen combining various cultural groups, languages, religions and labour organisations in free fellowship, tolerance and co-operation."

They mean to defend this ideal. So far from taking orders from the "New Europe" they feel themselves the symbol of another kind of Europe, a freer and better one.

U.S. and Canada Act To Co-ordinate Production

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (UP).—The Governments of the United States and Canada have moved to tighten their co-ordination of defence production and to soften post-war blows upon changes which the economy in each country now is undergoing.

The two countries recently announced the establishment of four-man committees to recommend means of carrying out the two-point programme.

"It is the common belief of the two governments that such studies and reports should assist the governments and peoples of each country in formulating policies and actions for the better utilisation of their productive capacities for the mutually greater welfare of each, both in the present emergency period and after the emergency has passed," the Department of State said.

It said that the joint inquiry marks one further step in the implementation of the declarations of mutual co-operation made by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister MacKenzie King at Hyde Park, N. Y., on April 20.

Last autumn the United States and Canada established a joint defence board of which the chief American member is Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York.

The United States Committee is composed of William L. Batt, OPM Production Director; Harry D. White, Director of Monetary Research in the Treasury Department; Prof. Alvin H. Hansen of the Graduate School of Economics, Harvard University, now associated temporarily with the

Federal Reserve Board, and E. Dana Durand, a member of the U. S. Tariff Commission.

Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle, Jr., will sit with the Committee from time to time, it was said.

Members of the Canadian Committee are R. A. C. Henry, of the Department of Munitions and Supply; Prof. W. A. Mackintosh, special adviser to the Department of Finance; J. G. Bouchard, official of the Department of Agriculture, and Alex Skelton, head of the Research Division of the Bank of Canada.

H. L. Keenleyside of the Department of External Affairs, will sit with the Canadian group when required.

NEW TREATMENT FOR BURNS

Shillington, Delaware, Aug. 3 (UP).—Discovery of a new treatment for severe burns has been announced by authorities at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. The treatment uses a combination of sulfa-drugs in spray form. Reports from the hospital show that it has produced remarkable results in its early test cases.

Viennese Star Shuns "Glamour," Prefers Her Hollywood Ranch

By HALSEY RAINES

A reticently alluring young lady with raven-black tresses, who suggests the Helen or Annabel of Edgar Allan Poe's lyric eulogies, is Hollywood's number one 1941 exponent of the Viennese tradition. She is lissome and languorous Hedy Lamarr, whose twin hobbies are raising chickens and painting fens around her acre-and-a-half California "ranch" and who is now co-starring with James Stewart, Judy Garland and Lana Turner in M-G-M's forthcoming "Ziegfeld Girl."

Miss Lamarr's pet dislike is the by now somewhat shopworn phrase, "glamour girl." She doesn't like to be directed at her, and she feels it's apt to be sort of boomerang compliment wherever used. Her insistent appeals to play comedy rather than clothe-horns parts led to her appearance as an overvalued Soviet motorwoman and a back-to-the-Pennsylvania-farm girl in her latest two parts.

The young Austrian star's simplicity of manner is utterly genuine. She went to America with nifty and effusive publicity stunts exploding about her at every turn; she dodged reporters whenever possible, but won the reputation of being a model subject whenever an interview was granted; she survived the ordeal of being elected 1940 Class Day favourite by a score of American colleges; and she kept right on buying three day-old chicks for that miniature Tyrolean farm.

Just an adolescent school girl with large, bright staring eyes when she first visited a picture set in suburban Vienna, Miss Lamarr was caught up by fortune in one of those Cinderella-like transformations that sometimes out-invent the most imaginative movie press agent. Her clothes were drab and rather poorly selected, her make-up worse than none and her hair and hat at an impasse. Dr. Wilhelm Strickland, the noted producer who is now in Hollywood, spotted her and suggested a fairly comprehensive recasting. The young lady demurred, explained that she was just a visitor, went home, thought it over, and eventually returned. It was then too late to get any consideration for a walk-through in the picture just being finished, but a month later a test was made and a small bit assigned



She likes farm life.

In the next film, one dealing with young romance and having a particularly guttural and forbidding title. The producer's discovery registered. Next came "Man Brought Kain Gold" (Money isn't Everything), in which she registered still more. From this picture, "Ecstasy," and other European efforts to "Al-giers" was still a long jump—eight thousand geographical and innumerable psychological miles—but Hedy made it with shining colours. Then came "Lady of the Tropics," "Boom Town," "Comrade X" and "Come Live with Me." And now if they'll keep the banner labelled through in the picture just being finished, but a month later a test was made and a small bit assigned

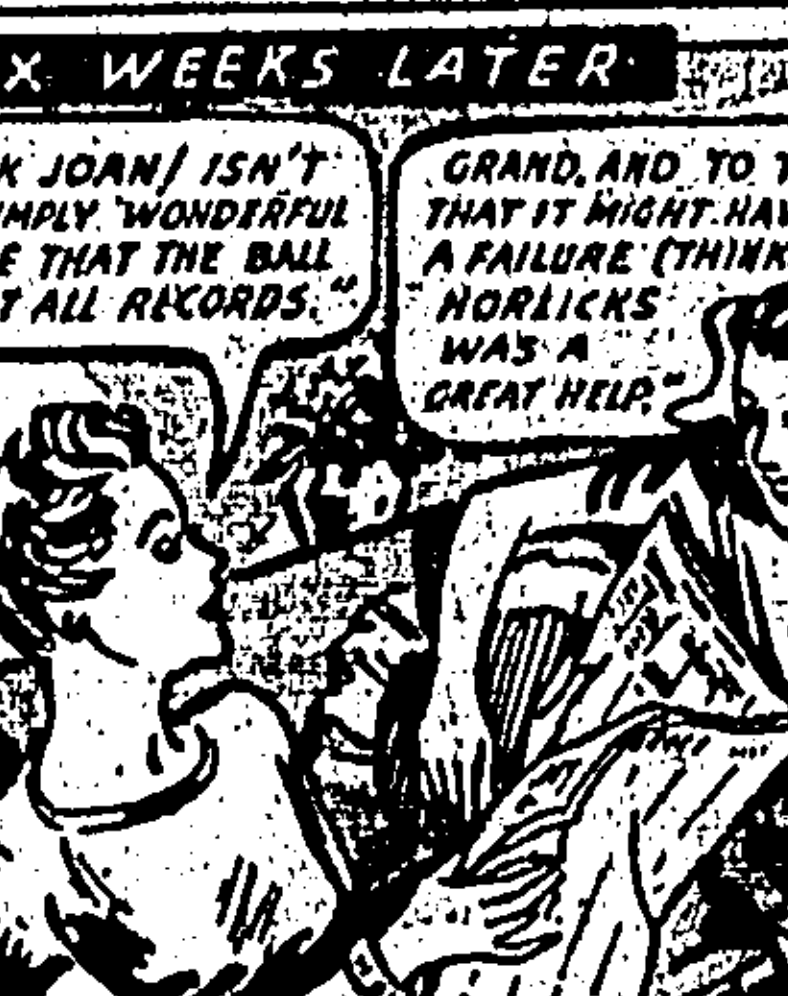
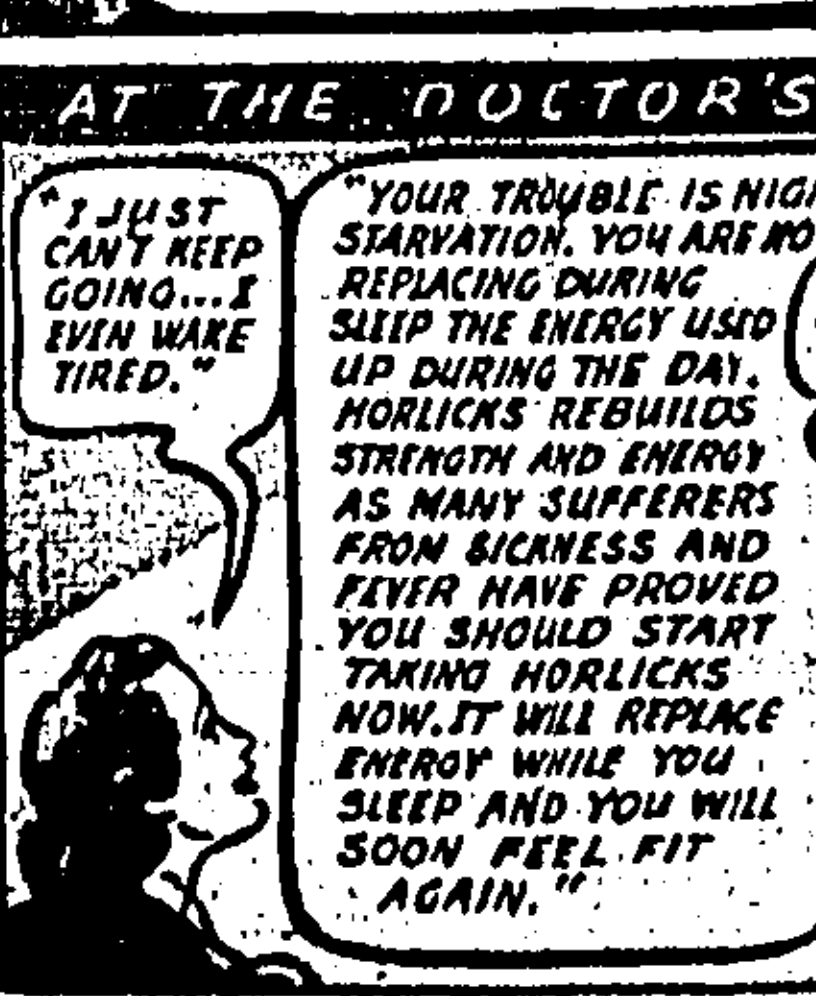
GOLDFISH'S SIGHT

Troy, N. Y., Aug. 3 (UP).—Goldfish with the largest eyes have the poorest sight. That is the finding of a Gardiner Bennett, of Great Island, a senior biology student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute who is patiently weighing goldfish eyes, measuring their retinas and counting their nerve fibres.

GRAINS NOT FOR WINE-MAKING

Kweichow Provincial Government has joined other provincial authorities in banning the use of grains for making wines, as part of the drive for conserving foodstuffs. The Kweichow ban went into effect on July 1.

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Production For Defence In America

WASHINGTON, Aug 3 (UP).—Defence officials have drafted plans for a future monthly production of 125,000,000 pounds of aluminum.

Production for April was nearly 50,000,000 pounds, double January production of 25,000,000 pounds—but announcement of President Roosevelt's heavy bomber programme will more than double and possibly triple that figure.

Emergency facilities now are being constructed for an anticipated production of 75,000,000 pounds a month by early 1942.

Magnesium production, which will total around 25,000,000 pounds this year, will be multiplied "several times" to provide supplies for the four-engine heavy bombers. Only two plants are in production at Midland, Michigan, and Freeport, Texas, with another being constructed in California.

Total aluminum production during 1940 reached 412,560,000 pounds, but according to present plans production eventually will be 1,500,000,000 pounds annually.

In the opinion of defence leaders, problems growing out of the expanded aircraft production plan concern: 1. Adequate power facilities; 2. A further cut in automobile production. It may be cut in half to further the expanded plane programme.

Insidious Nazi Intrigue

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ment should protest against the black list. Mexico made a spirited reply telling the Reich Government in almost as many words to mind their own business.

The Mexican reply partly says: "Mexico is capable of taking care of her own sovereignty and freedom of trade without any prompting from 'foreign powers'."

The German note intimated that the Mexican attitude on the question of the black list would determine the German attitude towards Mexican trade after the war.

The Mexican note described this threat as "pressure in open contradiction to the spirit of mutual respect governing foreign relations of the Mexican Republic."

Pan-Americanism. The opportunity was taken to proclaim without any ambiguity the Mexican Government's adherence to the "principle of inter-American co-operation."

This affair was followed by a public demand in Mexico for the expulsion of the German Minister and other Nazi agents. The Mexican Trade Union Congress passed a resolution declaring the German note an "intolerable insult to the country."

Feeling against Nazi interference with Latin American sovereignty is running equally high in Chile and Argentina. In Argentine police raids have been made on the German Embassy and various German-controlled institutions. The Argentine authorities found secret code messages proving that Nazi agents fomented the recent Peru-Ecuador frontier battles.

The message was found inside a short-wave radio set seized by the Investigation Committee Chairman, Mr. Raoul Damonte, on its smuggled return from Peru where it was refused entry.

Order To Agents. The message ordered all Nazi agents in Peru and Bolivia to follow all instructions issued by four Nazi envoys in South America at their last meeting in Santiago, Chile.

Deep satisfaction has been caused throughout South America by the Argentine's firm reply to the German Minister's protest against the seizure of the short-wave set and other baggage, and all leading Argentine newspapers congratulate the Mexican Government's reply to the German note concerning the United States black list.

In Chile, public opinion is increasingly alive to the dangers of Nazi infiltration, and the police have recently made many searches.

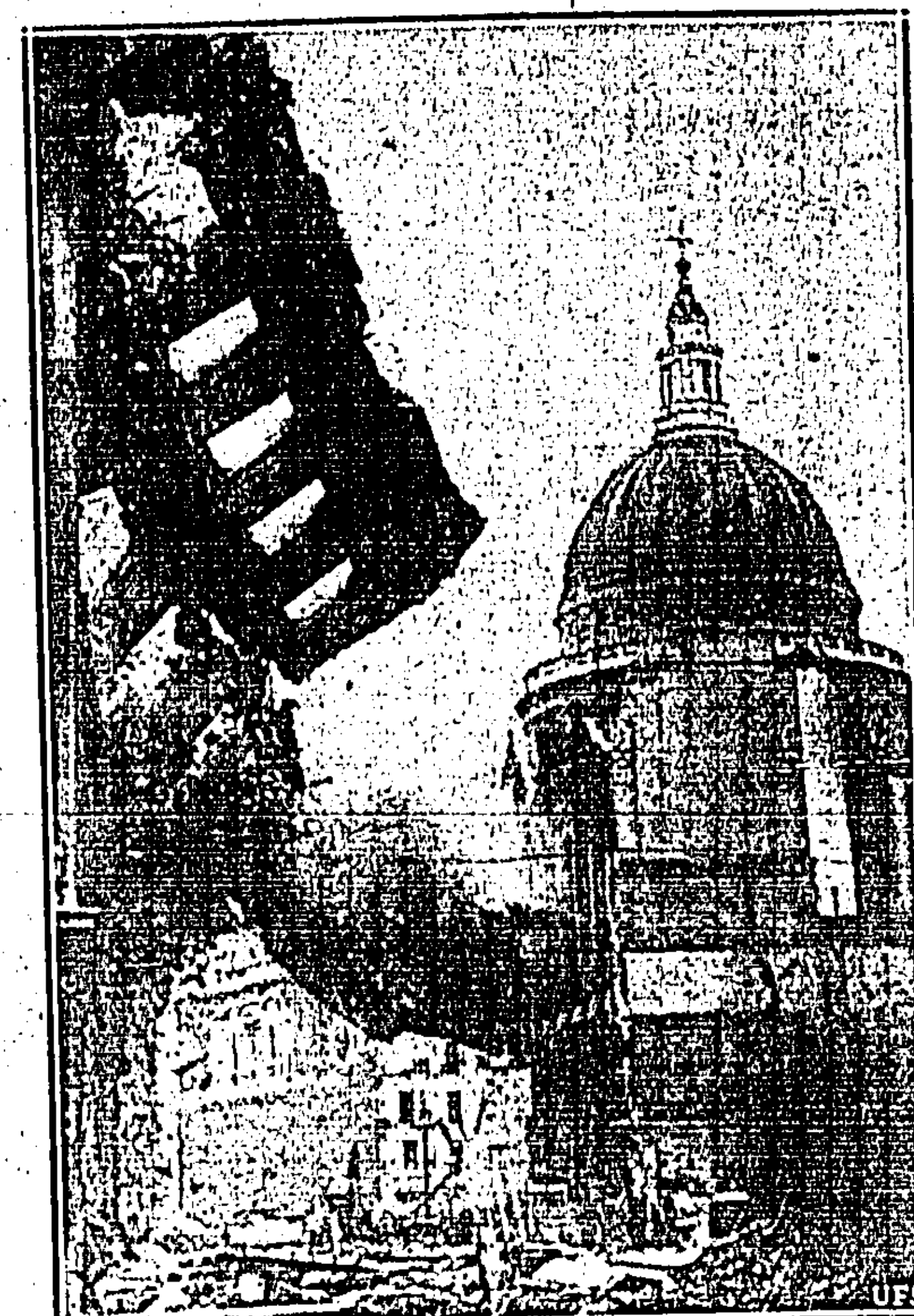
LATE NEWS

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TUMBLING DOWN.—Ruins of London buildings come crashing down in shadow of St. Paul's. They were gutted by fire bombs dropped by Hitler's airmen in recent raid, and workmen pull down walls.

Disembarkation Of Japanese Continues

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250 planes and two squadrons of fighters and one squadron of bombers.

Japanese truck convoys are moving in a steady stream to Cambodia and two convoys of trucks, anti-aircraft and field guns were seen moving to the north.

Disposition of British Troops. LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuters).—It is learned in London that there is no truth in the rumour that Britain has sent 100,000 troops to the Thailand border. The dispositions of the British forces in Singapore are purely defensive and no move of the magnitude indicated has taken place.

Australian Reaction. SYDNEY, Aug. 4 (Reuters).—Mr. P. C. Spender, the Minister for War, in a speech here to-day said that Australia was looking at the rising tension in the Far East with calm but determined eyes.

"Our most earnest endeavour is to preserve peace in the Pacific but we are not prepared to give up at gunpoint the interests and Imperial possessions which it is our joint responsibility to guard nor see them whittled away by stealthy encroachment and infiltration," said Mr. Spender.

Misgivings. "Indo-China, Malaya and Thailand are as close neighbours to Australia as Japan. We look with misgiving at the arrival of Japanese forces in Indo-China. Indications are not lacking that Japan intends going even further. Talk by Japan of protection is only a cynical pretext for unblinking aggression."

"Australia, if necessary, will give ringing proof that she means to control her destiny. Ninety thousand Australian troops are already abroad and they will be substantially increased. More than 100,000 enlisted in the A.I.F., equivalent on a population basis to 3,000,000 Americans. Some 250,000 militiamen are maintaining home defence."

Tokyo Temperature. TOKYO, Aug. 4 (Reuters).—The absence from Tokyo of Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and Sir John Latham, the Australian Minister, and the return to-day of Mr. Joseph C. Grew, the United States Ambassador, in a cheerful frame possibly indicate that nothing serious is coming immediately, but it is obvious that Japan is stilling for time to complete domestic preparations.

The quietude of the last few days has been given an ominous tone by the continued press hostility to the Democracies and an almost frenzied invocation of the national general mobilisation law in fields hitherto untouched.

The "Yomiuri" to-day notes Colonel Knox's assertion that Japan has oil stocks to last 18 months of warfare and retorts: "So what?" The paper adds the allegation that Chungking has access to vast but unpublished petrol resources from Burma.

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Nazi Offensive Held: Huge German Losses

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or are advancing but that they are never forced back.

It is now claimed that the necessity of dealing with the Russian pockets, while slowing the German advance, has also given time for slower units to catch up.

Advantage of Lull. The military correspondent of the "Democrat" considers that the Germans have now completed their arrangements in the rear sectors for the relief of exhausted troops and re-organisation of harried units and for overhaul of mechanical material and bringing up fresh units ready to renew the offensive but despite attacks on their communications, the Russians have also certainly benefited by the pause.

The same newspaper's Berlin correspondent reports that the Germans claim that the fresh Russian troops are of inferior quality to those at first engaged.

Military experts expect that fresh large-scale attacks by the Germans will shortly be chiefly directed at Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev and Odessa.

Finns Still Held. The Finns are still attempting to press through the isthmus connecting Ladoga and Onega which, if successful, would threaten to cut the Murmansk Line and also the Stalin Canal.

A Finnish advance here can bring pressure on the isthmus connecting Ladoga and Onega which, if successful, would threaten to cut the Murmansk Line and also the Stalin Canal.

Reports of constant arrivals of Russians from Estonia suggest that the Finns hope to starve out the garrison of Hangoe in a vain one.

Evacuation Story. ZURICH, Aug. 4 (Reuters).—Asserting that evacuation from Moscow of men unfit for work, and mothers and children has begun, the Frankfurter Zeitung says that the Russians have profited by the experience of the French campaign and have strictly forbidden refugees in order not to impede military movements.

Northern Sector. VICHY, Aug. 4 (Reuters).—Heavy fighting is continuing round Sordavalla, on the northern tip of Lake Ladoga, which the Russians continue to hold against all attacks, according to Helsinki reports received here to-day.

Soviet tanks are counter-attacking. The garrison of this strong point on the flank of the Finnish drives on both sides of Lake Ladoga is said to have been strongly reinforced.

Sordavalla is the centre of the great network of fortifications built by the Russians in territory ceded by Finland last year. The broken nature of the terrain favours the defence, which is well-equipped with artillery.

Anglo-Spanish Courtesies. MADRID, Aug. 4 (Reuters).—General Lord Gort, Governor of Gibraltar, to-day paid a courtesy visit to General Barron at Algeciras. General Barron was recently appointed to command the area contiguous to Gibraltar.

Informed sources that not only American aircraft and volunteer pilots but also Soviet artillery, aircraft and volunteer pilots are arriving in China in large numbers.

Moss Completed. SAIGON, Aug. 4 (Reuters).—Completion of the landing and stationing in various sectors of Japanese reinforcements to French Indo-China according to the provisions of the Franco-Japanese agreement regarding the joint defence of the country was announced to-day by the headquarters of the Japanese forces.

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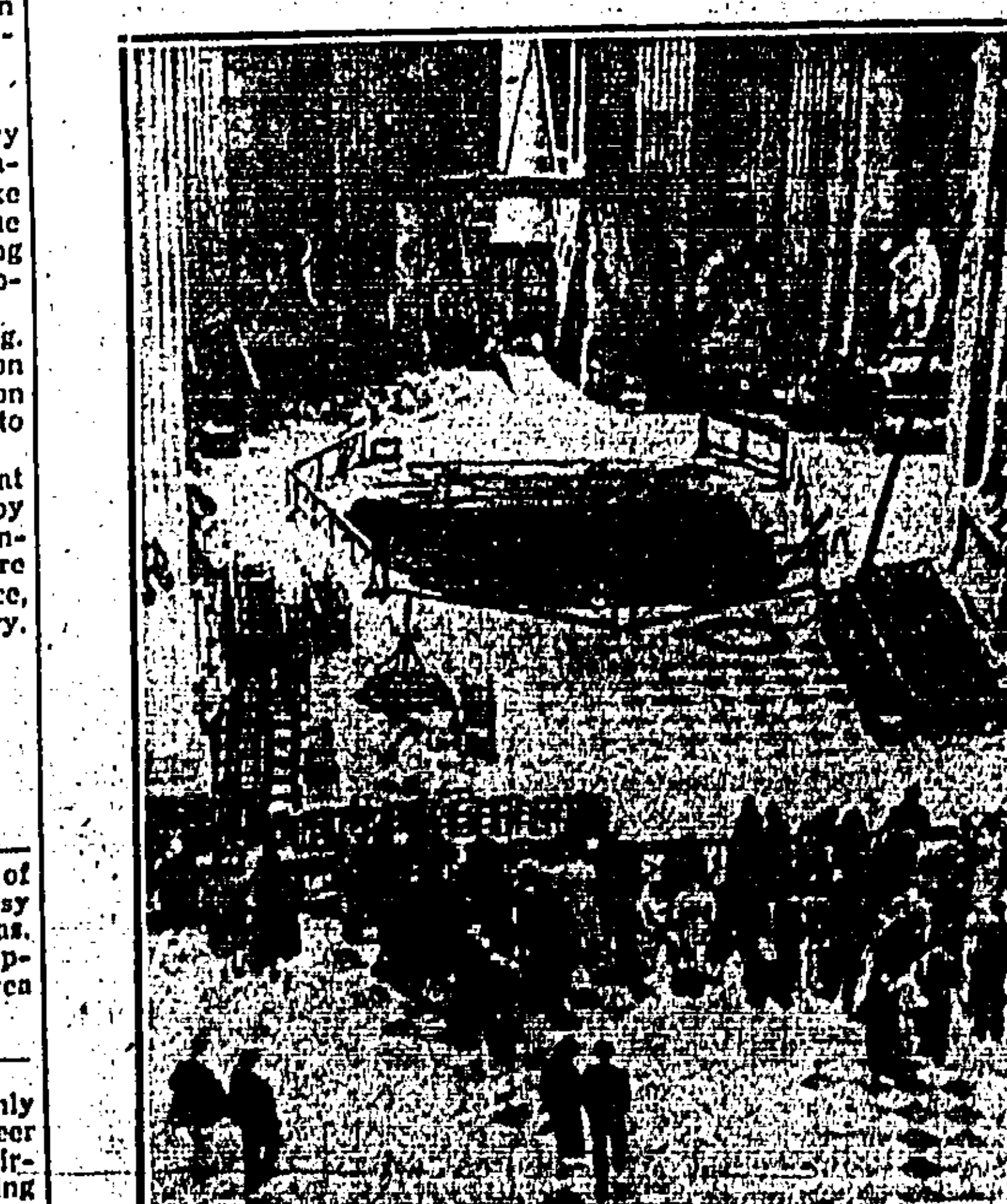
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NAZI OFFENSIVE HELD IN CENTRAL UKRAINE: HUGE GERMAN LOSSES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, AUG. 4 (UP).—PRESSURE WAS UNRELAXED ON THE THIRD DAY OF THE GERMAN OFFENSIVE IN THE CENTRAL UKRAINE ALONG PARALLEL DIRECTIONS TOWARDS KOROSTEN AND BELAYAT-SERKOV, NORTH AND SOUTH OF KIEV RESPECTIVELY.

R.A.F. PEPPERS MED. COAST

Havoc Created Around Tobruk

CAIRO, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Scores of bombs were seen to fall on enemy gun positions in the Tobruk area when squadrons of the South African air force delivered a heavy attack on Sunday.

The South Africans were flying Maryland bombers, states a communique from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East.

PETAIN'S PROMISE TO U. S.

Will Not Concede Bases To Nazis

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

VICHY, Aug. 4 (UP).—The Petain Government to-day assured the United States in an authorised statement that it refuses to give up military bases anywhere in the French Empire to Germany or any other power after the cessation of military facilities in Indo-China to Japan.

The statement answered the stern warning given by Mr Sumner Welles, American Under-Secretary of State last Saturday.

Observers stated that there is no change in French-American relations as a result of Marshal Petain's "reaction" to the new Axis demands for closer collaboration. It is said that Admiral Darlan and General Weygand will support him in this stand.

No Repetition

Authorised circles took issue with Mr Welles' statement but said that there will not be any repetition of the French-Japanese deal because the "circumstances are not the same" in other parts of the French Empire.

One spokesman recalled that on August 30, 1940, M. Paul Baudouin, the then Foreign Minister, signed a treaty with Japan whereby Vichy recognised Japan's preponderant position in the Far East, and added, "on that account, we gave military facilities and at that time the United States did not react." The Japanese told us that there were enemy concentrations threatening Indo-China. The spokesman stressed the fact that the Japanese cited the enemy concentrations as being exclusively Chinese.

Harrison Forman's Broadcast From H.K.

Mr Harrison Forman, noted American radio commentator on international affairs, early yesterday morning broadcast a commentary on Hongkong on ZBW short-wave which was relayed to the United States from Company.

This was the first NBC broadcast to be made by the N.B.C. from Hongkong, and his three-minute talk, which dealt with Hongkong's attitude to the present Far East crisis and the Colony's preparedness for any eventuality, is herewith reproduced by permission of the author.

Hello NBC. This is Harrison Forman speaking from Hongkong, China; on the opposite side of the globe from most of you in America. It's exactly eight-seventeen in the morning here—Monday morning. In some respects—civilian Hongkong reminds one of an ostrich with its head buried in the sand, repeating

THE RED ARMY UNDER GENERAL TIMO-SHENKO WHO COMMANDS THE ENTIRE WEST FROM ESTONIA TO THE SOUTH APPEARED TO BE HOLDING FIRM.

At the same time, the eighteen-day battle in the direction of Smolensk where the Russians are counter-attacking repeatedly trying to wipe out the salient is continuing unabated.

There were only minor engagements in the Finnish and Bessarabian fronts.

GERMANS REPULSED

This evening's communique states that there has been a fierce battle near the town of "K" in the north-west sector of the front where five large German tanks attacks were repulsed with terrific losses to the Germans. "All together, 100 German tanks and armoured cars; 45 guns of all calibres; 20 mortars and hundreds of lorries were destroyed and over 1,000 German officers and men killed," the communique added.

Aerial Activity

Another communique states, "Our aircraft are fighting the enemy in the directions of Smolensk, Korosten, Belayat-serkov and the Estonian sectors. There were no major engagements in the remaining sectors. In co-operation with the land forces, Soviet aviation dealt blows on enemy mechanised and motorised units, infantry and artillery."

Nazi Air Raid Failures

MOSCOW, Aug. 4 (UP).—The German attempts to bomb Leningrad have been even less successful than the attempts on Moscow, according to General Mikhail Protsvetkin's claims in "Pravda."

He stated that although the raids began the first day of the war, often several times daily and nightly, not a single bomb has been dropped on the city. The Luftwaffe has been unable to penetrate the inner ring of defences comprising anti-aircraft guns, fighters and balloons which invariably intercepted and routed the Germans over the outer zones.

Predicting an intensification of the raids, the General said that Leningrad is fully prepared to meet any eventuality.

Russian Pockets

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Reports from Germany on the Russian war continued to announce the destruction of Russian pockets of resistance on the two main fronts of Smolensk and Kiev. It is claimed that the advance eastwards is being remorselessly continued at various speeds, the impression being that apparently being met by the Germans attacking where they have arrived.

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How Nazis Opened Hostilities

MOSCOW, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Asserting that Germany threw in forces two to three times stronger numerically than the Red Army stationed at the frontier, the Communist organ "Pravda" computes that the Germans used 30 divisions (roughly 500,000 men), 10,000 first line aircraft and 15,000 tanks, adding that thanks to Soviet resistance and victories have been replaced by arguments that seizure of territory takes second place to the annihilation of the Soviet armies.

Miscalculations

"Pravda" adds: "The first German miscalculation was failure to destroy the Red Air Force and the panzer blows also failed to achieve their object. Tremendous losses are sapping German morale and instead of an eastern parade they are meeting death and destruction. It is too early to speak of the final results and there are fierce struggles ahead but Russian resistance and counter-blows are daily becoming stronger."

German drive On Kiev

Kiev, capital of Russian Ukraine, is the objective of a strong German offensive now developing, but which the Russians claim to be successfully resisting. This picture shows one of the principal thoroughfares in Kiev.



—DISEMBARKATION OF JAPANESE IN SAIGON CONTINUES

SAIGON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—With the Japanese disembarkation in Saigon still in full swing, a general picture of the movements of the last six days is now clearer.

While Japanese troops began disembarking at Nhatrang on July 27, the first mass incursion into the Saigon area began on July 30 although General Sumita, head of the Japanese Mission, arrived from the north on July 26 with his staff and a few trucks.

Saigon harbour is chock-a-block with Japanese transports, freighters and warships. About 25 transports have already arrived, disgorging troops and material and 30 more are reported to be at present off Cap Saint Jacques.

It is understood that the majority of the occupying forces are scheduled to land at Saigon.

Unseasoned Troops

While all the material appears to be in good condition, the troops are young and give the impression of being unseasoned.

Wholesale requisitioning of buildings is proceeding in all occupied areas. Saigon's half-mile dock-godowns, the Chamber of Commerce, Hotel Majestic, East Asia Company, A. B. David and Company and several other buildings on the Bund as well as large private residences have been taken over. British concerns and buildings are not affected.

The Messageries Maritime liner Marechal Joffre is at the dockside accommodating Europeans evicted from the Hotel Majestic and elsewhere.

Saigon is outwardly quiet and the behaviour of the Japanese soldiery is exemplary.

French Move North

French troops and material are moving northwards and all available rolling stock is concentrated in the south, causing delays in the normal train service.

Air France services have been cancelled owing to lack of landing fields. Japanese fighters and trucks are at Tourane aerodrome.

The majority of the Japanese air strength is believed to be concentrated at the moment at Nhatrang, estimates varying between 100 and 200 aircraft.

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MUSSOLINI SAYS THE LINE-UP IS—

U. S., Russia And England v. Italy, Germany & Japan

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Aug. 4 (UP).—It is announced that Mussolini, speaking at Mantua last week to the Blackshirts who are destined for Russia, declared that the United States is already lined up with Russia and England against Italy, Germany and Japan.

PLAN FOR MASS SABOTAGE Revelations By Mr Edgar Hoover

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (UP).—Writing in the "American Magazine," Mr J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said that organised saboteurs had planned a mass attack on defence plants last May, including the bombing of factories from private aeroplanes.

The article stated, "It is now possible to tell the real story behind the headlines. Startling information from reliable sources reached the F.B.I. that organised saboteurs were planning a mass attack on vital defence industries during the long Decoration Day week-end."

"Three days before the holiday, the F.B.I. confirmed the reports from foreign sources. Precautionary measures were taken to meet any eventuality. Nothing happened. National alertness and widespread publicity may have circumvented a disastrous outbreak of sabotage."

CALAIS BOMBED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Aug. 4 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that last night, despite unfavourable weather, aircraft of the Bomber Command attacked industries and communications at Harver and Frankfurt on Main. Calais was also bombed.

IRAN RUMOUR DENIED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Aug. 4 (UP).—It is officially denied that the British Minister to Iran has advised all British subjects to leave.

"The clash between the two worlds which we wanted and began years ago with the shock troops' revolution has reached its epilogue," he stated. "The drama has reached its fifth act. The line-up is completed. On one side, Rome, Berlin and Tokyo and on the other, London, Washington and Moscow."

"We have not the least doubt regarding the outcome of this battle. We will win. We will win because history says that nations representing ideas of the past must lose against nations representing ideas of the future."

Fascism v Bolshevism

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—"The struggle between Fascism and Bolshevism at last has arrived: it is an honour and a privilege for you to take part in this battle of giants," declared Mussolini at Mantua in a farewell address to the Blackshirt Legion which is being sent to help Hitler on the eastern front.

Mussolini added, according to the official Italian news agency: "For 20 years the peoples of the earth have been approaching this stern trial—Fascism or Bolshevism? The struggle for which we have prepared for years has entered upon the final TURN to Back Page, Column 5

FINLAND CUTS TIES With Australia And New Zealand

SYDNEY, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Sir Frederick Stewart, Minister for External Affairs, announced to-day that arrangements are being made for the departure of the Finnish Consul-General.

Finnish interests will be protected by the Swedish Consul-General.

N.Z. In Line

WELLINGTON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Finland has been declared an enemy country by the Government for the purpose of the Enemy Property and Enemy Trading regulations.

This brings New Zealand into line with other Empire countries who have already taken such action.

LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

Britain's Superb New Fighter Warplane

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Four cannons and six machine-guns comprise the armament of one of Britain's latest, newest long-range day and night fighters—the Bristol fighter—details of which have just been released. This most formidable fire-power known to have been fitted to warplane.

German blitz bombers hit by these cannons fitted in the fuselage and the machine-guns in the wings have exploded and disintegrated.

With a nominal top speed of 330 miles an hour at 14,000 feet, the Beaufighter, carrying one pilot and an observer, has a range of 1,500 miles—again a nominal figure. This is achieved by two Bristol Hercules 111 engines, air-cooled sleeve-valve, radial type power units with 14 cylinders in two rows and fitted with two speed superchargers for boosting the engine power at high altitude.

Building U. S. Navy Fast

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (UP).—The Navy Department announced to-day that last month, 34 naval vessels were launched and 63 new keels laid. The ships launched included a cruiser, three destroyers, one submarine, five minesweepers. Keels laid included an aircraft-carrier, two cruisers, ten destroyers, three submarines and eight minesweepers.

U.S. Promise To Russia

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The United States has promised all practical economic help to Russia.

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- The entries awarded the Ilford Trophies for the best and second-best pictures in the Competition, will not be entered to any other prizes.
- The prizes will be awarded to the competitors according to what are judged to be the best photographs in each Section. Each entry must be accompanied by a form which will be published during the period of the Competition, and which must be posted on back of entry.
- The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of, loss of, or damage to entries.
- All entries to be either black, sepia, or toned pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
- Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- No picture to be entered in more than one Section.
- Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes: 10x12, 10x20.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staffs of the Hongkong Telegraph and South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
- At the conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Hongkong offices within seven days.
- The use of aliases is strictly forbidden.

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From the Studio

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12.15 A Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Dance Music by Tommy Dorsey and His Orchestra, Orchestra Manolo del El Ses Muchachos, The Mill Heart Trio, Heinz Hoppe and His Orchestra and Sydney Lipton and His Grosvenor House Dance Orchestra.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 Charpentier - Impressions d'Italie - Orchestre Symphonique de Paris.

1.15 A Song by Georges Thill (Tenor). - "Werther" - O. Nature, Pull of Grace (Massenet).

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 Light Opera Selections by the Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards.

1.50 Light Opera Company with Orchestra and The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Cream.

2.15 Close Down.

6.0 Indian Programme.

6.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 A Military Band Concert and Overture (Herold, arr. Godfrey).

The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards; The Empire Is Marching (Clifford Grey and Dudley Glass).

Dennis Noble and Male Chorus with The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards; Le Reve Puisse (Kier and Heimer) Officer of the Day (Itali).

Massed Bands of the Northern Command, Son O' Mine, The Rebel (Both from "Freebooter Songs" - Wallace), Dennis Noble with Piano; The Grenadiers Waltz, Acclamations Waltz (Waldteufel), Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.

7.15 Some Welsh Songs - Dear Wales, The Village Spring (Arr. T. Osborne Roberts), Lella Megane (Contralto) with piano; March of the Men of Harlech (Welsh Air), All Through The Night, Royal Mountain Ash Male Choir.

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.0 London - The News.

8.15 London - War Commentary.

8.25 London - Listening Post - Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.

8.30 Programme Summary.

8.32 A Light Classical Programme.

Evening (Easthope Martin), Sea Fever (Ireland), Stuart Robertson (Bass) with piano; Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12 (Liszt), Mischa Leventik (Piano); Valse Triste (Sibelius), Chicago Symphony Orchestra; Wines, Women And Song (Strauss), Maryla Bennett (Soprano) with Orchestra; Serenade (Mozzkowski), Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orpheans.

9.0 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 Studio - Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.

9.30 Liszt - Les Preludes - Symphonie Poem - The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.

9.45-10.0 News in French (On Short Wave only).

9.45 Violin Solo by Albert Sandler with Piano and Cello and Temirkan with Piano.

10.0 London - The News and News Commentary.

10.15 An Hour of Variety and Dance Music by "Hutch" (L. A. Hutchinson), Billy Cotton and His Orchestra; Billy Cotton and His Orchestra; Ambrose and His Orchestra; Cyril Norman with Herman Darewsky and His Band, Swing and Sway with Sammy Kaye, Elisabeth Welch with orchestra, The Organ, The Dance Band and Me, Bing Crosby with orchestra, Gerardo and The Savoy Hotel Orchestra.

11.15 Close Down.

Current Week

In addition to the usual news commentaries the following relays will be taken by ZBW from London this week. At 8.30 p.m. to-morrow, there is a seaside showdown written by Ted Kavanagh and entitled "It's that Sand Aguin (TSA)" with Tommy Handley and "Wunt", and from 11-11.15 p.m. that night a further discussion in the series "Britain To-day". Another talk by a well-known war correspondent will be given at 11 p.m. on Thursday. On Friday night there are two London relays, the first at 9.30 p.m. being a Radio Dramatisation of the achievements of the H.A.F. Fighter Command during the great days from August 8 to October 31, 1940, entitled "The Battle of Britain", and at 11 o'clock a talk on Desmond MacArthur in the series "Makers of History". The two relays on Saturday night are now well-known to listeners, the special broadcast to British Forces in the Far East at 8.30 p.m. and "Old Mother Riley Takes the Air" at 11.15 p.m.

There are some of the principal features of this week's local programmes:

Following the 9 o'clock local time signal to-night, Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) will give a recital from the Studio of ZBW accompanied at the piano by E. O'Neill Shaw.

At 10.15 p.m. to-morrow the Letter from Free China will be read by Mrs Alice Chow from the Studio. The recorded programmes that night include three quarters of an hour of the compositions of Haydn among which is his "Surprise Symphony"; this commences immediately after the 9 o'clock local time signal.

At 9 p.m. on Thursday there is the weekly review of new records, and at 10.20 p.m. the 1st Act of Verdi's "Aida" will be broadcast.

Battle of Britain

Owing to the fact that there will be the London relay "The Battle of Britain" at 9.30 p.m. on Friday, the Variety Request Programme will be given from 9.30 p.m. to 9.40 p.m. instead of from 9.40 o'clock as already advertised. Listeners are invited to send in asking for any items they may care to hear played during this hour. All letters must reach the Secretary not later than 5 p.m. to-morrow. Another interesting

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Cheung Chau Residents' Association

The Annual Meeting of the Cheung Chau Residents' Association was held yesterday, with Mr D. O. Silver, President in the chair.

The meeting opened with prayer offered up by Rev. J. A. Kempf, and the reports were read by Mrs Lily Franklin, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

As there were so few on the island at present owing to the evacuation of both British and American residents, it was decided that the last year's office bearers carry on for the ensuing year, namely: President, Mr D. O. Silver; Vice-Presidents, Messrs Harold Smith, Presidents, Messrs Harold Smith, Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs Lily Franklin.

It was also decided that the Government be approached again for the usual grant of \$150 for the upkeep of the roads and paths on the island. The meeting was then adjourned until the next meeting on September 1st, and decided that no change be made in the constitution.

Donations To Bomber Fund

Salvation Army

The thirteenth contribution to the Bomber Fund from the Supreme Court, and a number of monthly donations, were received yesterday up to \$244.54.65. The following is the complete list:

Bowles-Snooper Prizes for 1939 - Dr. G. Ingram Shaw	\$20
Post Office Employees (sixth donation)	\$2
Another B.C. Bank (fourth donation)	\$2
Supreme Court Bomb (thirteenth donation)	\$3
Indulgent	\$22
The following monthly donations to the Bomber Fund are also acknowledged:	
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Mrs E. M. R. Buckland	\$10
Major C. R. Boxer	\$10
Mr. Donald Black	\$10
Mrs N. Stone	\$10
Mr. W. G. Winfield	\$10
Mr. S. Duncan	\$10
Mr. and Mrs. SALVATION ARMY	\$20

The Salvation Army Headquarters gratefully acknowledge receipt of these donations.

Mrs Violet Chan, General Post-Office, Mrs K. Wong, Dr. W. Chan, Mr. Karel Weiss, Mr. S. F. Wong, Mr. P. K. Kwok, and numerous anonymous.

New York Police Study Defence

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (UP).—Police Commissioner Louis J. Valentine announces that the city's 18,000 policemen will be given a course of study concerning problems of defence of the metropolis area—including air raids, blackouts and sabotage.

A series of six lectures, including data obtained by New York police observers in London, will be held for civilian and uniformed members of the department to attend.

Among subjects to be discussed are "the functions and duties of the police during an actual air raid," and "the problems involved in blackouts and the difficulty of obtaining swift and complete control of the city's lighting system."

Anglo-Spanish Courtesies

MADRID, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—General Lord Gort, Governor of Gibraltar, to-day paid a courtesy visit to General Barron at Algeciras.

General Barron was recently appointed to command the area contiguous to Gibraltar.

Item on Friday night will be a programme of the latest "Swing" and other Dance Music from the Studio of ZBW by the Band of a visiting ship, from 10.15 to 11 o'clock; this of course is subject to alteration.

Mendelssohn's Octet in E Flat Major, opens Saturday evening's transmission and at 9.02 p.m. Hal Lorenz will give a Jazz Recital from the Studio of ZBW.

Sunday's luncheon programme commences with Chopin's Concerto No. 2 in F Minor played by Alfred Cortot and Orchestra. A Military Band Concert, with songs by Peter Dawson and Olive Gilbert follows the 1 o'clock local time signal and compositions of Tchaikovsky follows the Reuter News. From 8.30 to 8.50 that night A.N. Tucker will give an Organ Recital from St John's Cathedral and at 9.15 p.m. there are the usual Sunday evening Book Reviews from the Studio.

News in French is broadcast daily from 9.45 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Short Wave only.

All times given in this summary are Hongkong Summer Time which is nine hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time.

Voluntary Rationing Of Petrol

American Experiment

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Aug. 4 (UP).—

Gasoline stations in seventeen Eastern States from Maine to Florida to-day complied generally with the first test of the Government's 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew, but dealers doubted whether or not any gasoline was saved.

Night sales were suspended voluntarily along the Eastern seaboard at the request of Mr Harold Ickes, Defense Petroleum Co-ordinator, due to petroleum transportation difficulties. Only a few stations remained open, but motorists bought so heavily before closing that the sales increased from 10 to 50 per cent on Sunday instead of decreasing.

Dealers are of the opinion that the voluntary curfew would be succeeded by compulsory rationing, perhaps after next Saturday.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS

H.K. Banks	1,315 n.
H.K. Banks	72 n.
H.K. Banks (H.K.)	75 n.
Chartered Banks	8 1/4 n.
Mercantile, A. & B.	23 1/4 n.
Mercantile C.	11 1/4 n.
East Asia	75 n.

INSURANCES

Canton	225 b.
Union Ins.	405 n.
China Underwriters	1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins.	185 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas	120 n.
Steamboats	84 n.
Indo-China S.	80 n.
Indo-China D.	70 n.
Shell (Bearers)	40 1/4 n.
Waterboats	65 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	91 n.
Docks	1570 n.
Providents	554 n.
Shui Docking	20 1/2 n.

MINING

Kailan s/-	13/6 n.
Rauba s/-	8 n.
H.K. Mines	2 cts n.

LANDS

Hotels	320 b & sa.
Lands	2400 n.
Lands 4700 Acres	97 1/2 n.
Shui Lands	1740 n.
Humphreys	7 n.
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Insidious Nazi Intrigue Provokes Latin America

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The continent of South America has figured largely in the news during the past fortnight when from the United States border to Tierra del Fuego have come reports of abortive Nazi intrigues to dictate policy to the high-spirited Latin American nations.

It began with circumstantial details of a Nazi putsch which was to have been carried out in Bolivia. This was revealed in a letter by Mayor Elias Delmonte, Bolivian military attaché in Berlin and would-be Quisling, to Ernst Wendler, German minister at La Paz.

Delmonte wrote, "My friends in the Wilhelmstrasse tell me that information received from you shows that the moment is approaching for the liberation of my poor country from its weak Government and its entirely capitalistic tendencies."

This and other documents were published by the Bolivian President to justify the expulsion of the German Minister and the arrest of several notorious sympathisers.

The German Government retorted by ordering the Bolivian, Charge d'Affaires Mr. Alfred Flores, to leave the Reich within 72 hours.

Although complete evidence was discovered of Germany's conspiracy to overthrow the existing Bolivian Government and constitution, Bolivia has so far refrained from breaking off diplomatic relations.

The publication of the United States "black list" of South American firms gave Germany another opportunity to foment anti-United States feeling in the Latin country.

Mexico Shows Spirit

The German note to Mexico actually insisted that the Mexican Government should protest against the black list.

Mexico made a spirited reply telling the Reich Government in almost as many words to mind their own business.

The Mexican reply tartly says: "Mexico is capable of taking care of her own sovereignty and freedom of trade without any prompting from foreign Powers."

The German note intimated that the Mexican attitude on the question of the black list would determine the German attitude towards Mexican trade after the war.

The Mexican note described this threat as "pressure in open contradiction to the spirit of mutual respect governing foreign relations of the Mexican Republic."

The opportunity was taken to proclaim without any ambiguity the Mexican Government's adherence to the "principle of inter-American co-operation."

This affair was followed by a public demand in Mexico for the expulsion of the German Minister and other Nazi agents. The Mexican Trade Union Congress passed a resolution declaring the German note an "intolerable insult to the country."

Feeling against Nazi interference with Latin American sovereignty is running equally high in Chile and Argentina. In Argentine police raids have been made on the German Embassy and various German-controlled institutions. The Argentine authorities found secret code messages proving that Nazi agents fomented the recent Peru-Ecuador frontier battles.

The message was found inside a short-wave radio set seized by the Investigation Committee Chairman, Mr. Raoul Damonte, on its smuggled return from Peru where it was refused entry.

Order To Agents

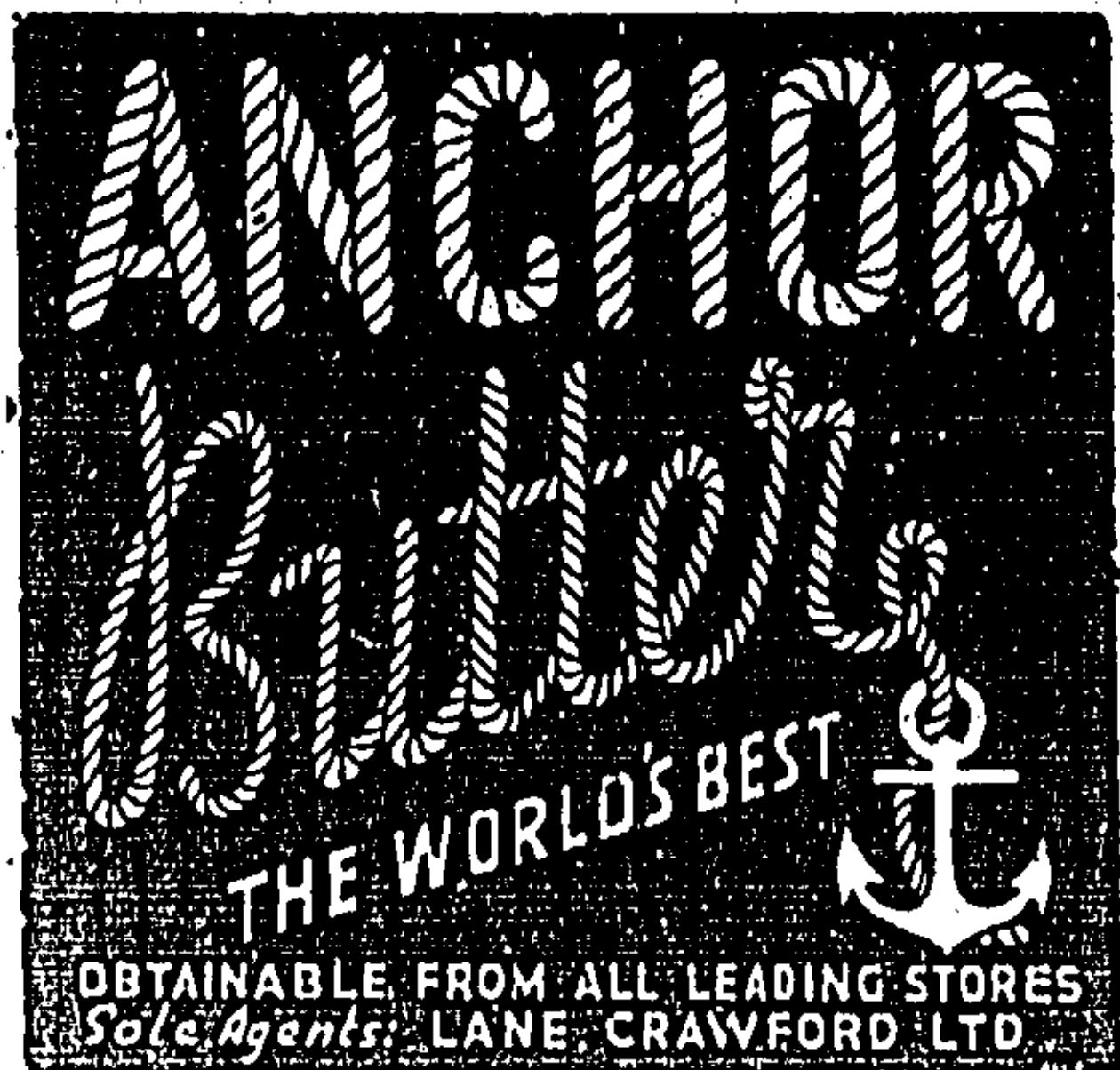
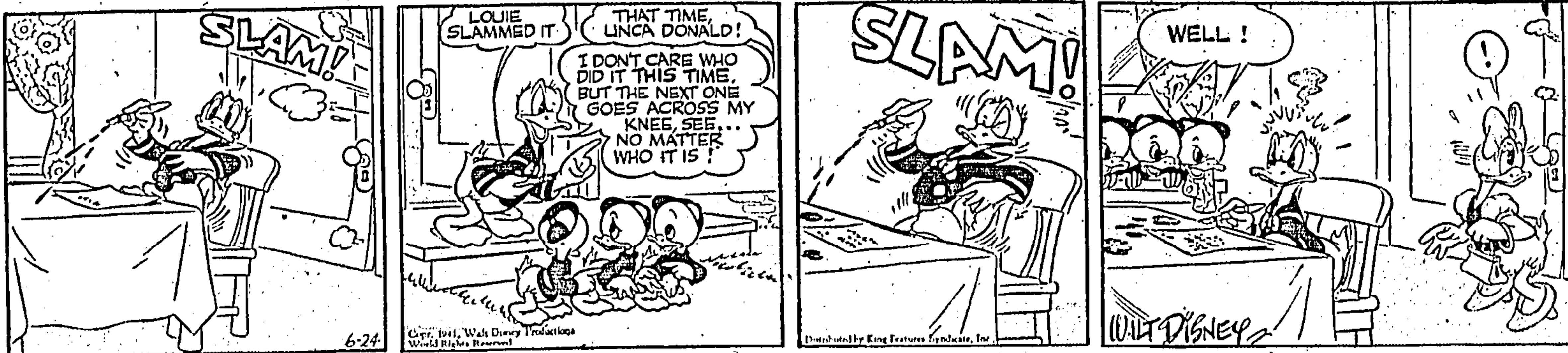
The message ordered all Nazi agents in Peru and Bolivia to follow

Loyal Indians Look To Future Confidently

SIMLA, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Jam Sahab, Chairman of the Chamber of Princes, spoke at a luncheon to-day in honour of Sir Akbar Hydari, who is relinquishing the Premiership of Hyderabad State in order to take up the Viceroy's Executive Council.

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



CONTRACT BRIDGE

"Courtesy" Raise

The single raise of partner's suit is more of a courtesy than the announcement of real strength, yet there are distinct limits beyond which even this sort of courtesy should not be extended. The new Culbertson System, in keeping with its determined policy of reducing hopeless and especially dangerous contracts, has slightly raised all requirements for holding open the original bid, whether with a single raise, a negative notrump, or even a raise. We have established the following minimums for single raises: With four of partner's suit, a single raise requires one honour-trick in the hand as a whole. With the minimum in adequate trump support (J 10 x, or Q x x) one-plus honour-trick is required for a single raise. For example, South, having bid one heart and the next opponent having passed, North is justified in raising to two hearts with:

♠ 6 7 5 3 2 ♠ K J 6 4 ♠ 7 5 4 3
♥ K 4 ♥ J 10 2 ♥ K J 6 3 ♥ 7 5 4 2

In the first hand, the singleton spade, it must be remembered, provides one plus-value and the K-J of diamonds, ½-plus, making up the necessary total of one honour-trick with four trumps. In the second hand there is adequate trump support and one-plus honour-trick.

Neither side vulnerable.

♠ K 10 5 4 ♠ 7 5 4 3
♥ A 9 8 ♠ 7 5 4 3
♦ K 10 5 4 ♠ 7 5 4 3

♠ Q 7 3
♥ 10 9 8 7
♦ K 7 5 4
♣ R J 7

Note the vast difference if North's hand happens to be either of the minimum holdings I mentioned. Now there is an excellent play for game, since no spade or heart trick need be lost and since it requires only a little luck to hold the minor suit losers to three tricks.

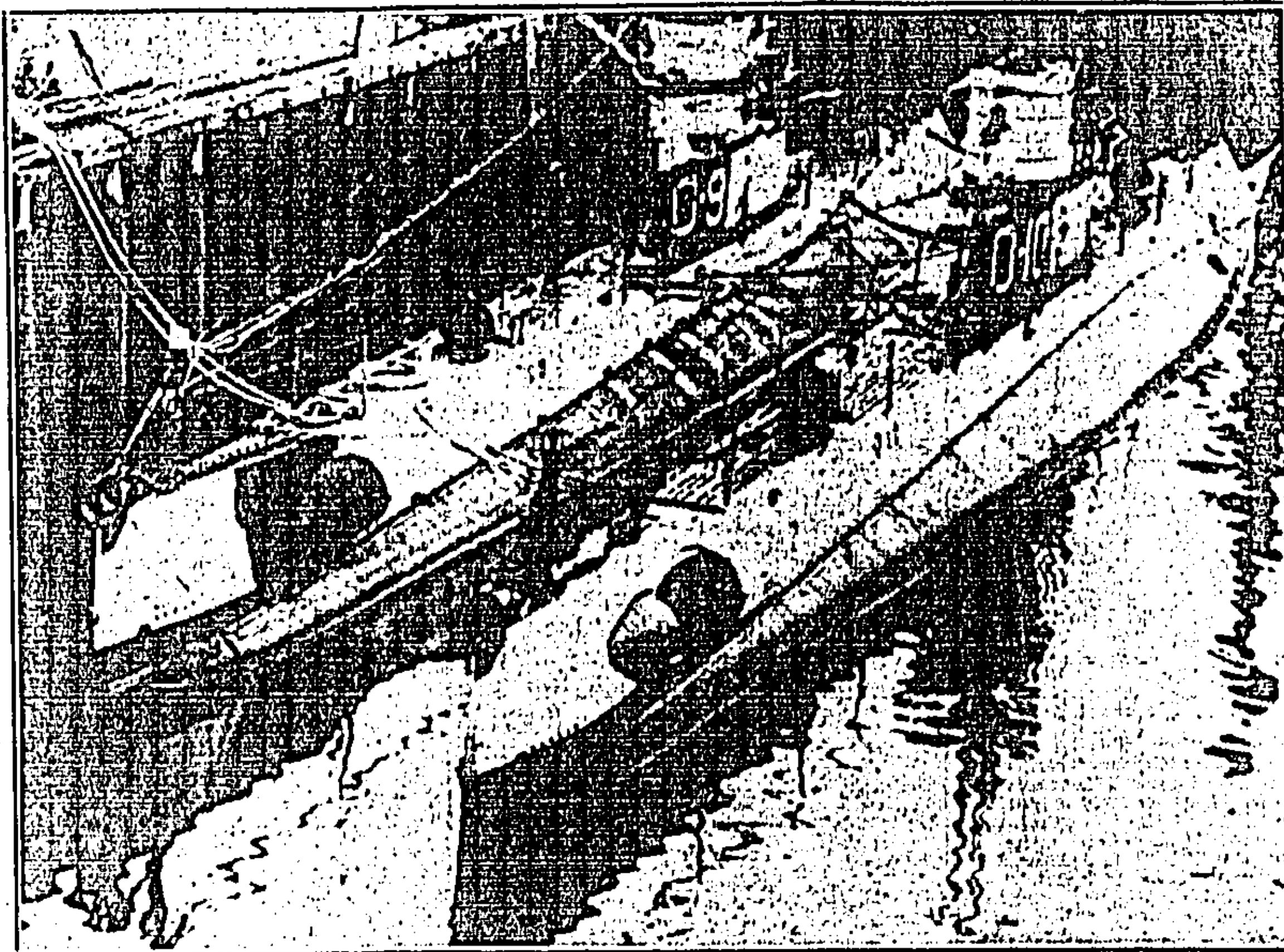
To-morrow's Hand

Match-point duplicate.
North-South vulnerable.
South dealer.

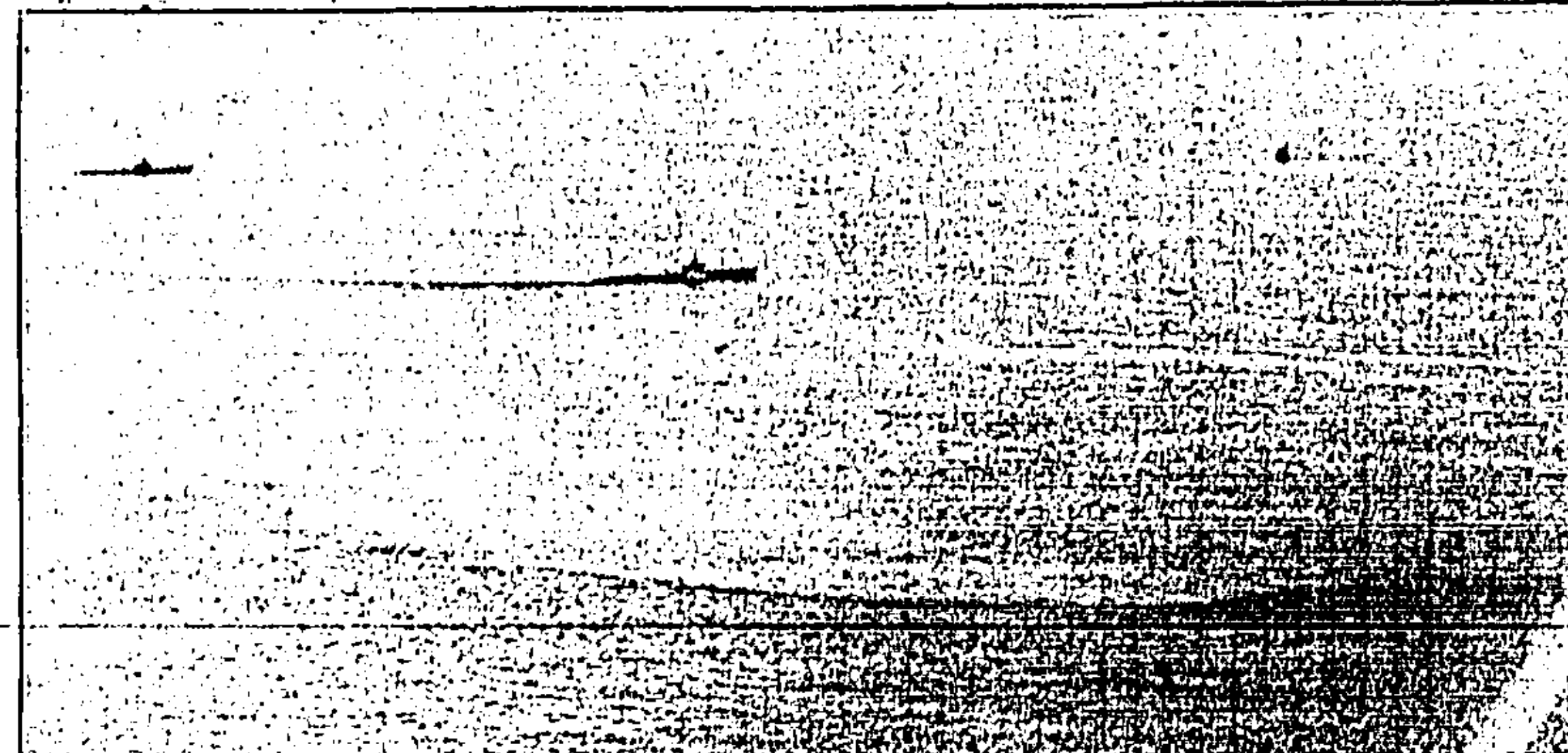
♠ K Q 6 4 ♠ K 10 6 4
♥ 9 7 5 3 2 ♠ 7 5 4 3
♦ 6 4 3 2 ♠ 7 5 4 3
♣ A 8 7 3 2 ♠ 7 5 4 3

How should this hand be bid?

FAILED TO RETURN TO SURFACE AFTER DIVE



The ill-fated U.S. submarine O-9, which sank 24 miles off Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in 402 feet of water, is shown above moored at the dock in Charlestown, Mass., Navy Yard, alongside her sister ship. Below is an air view of submarines combing the waters in an effort to locate the lost craft. The plane from which the picture was taken was also engaged in the search. The tremendous pressure probably crushed the submarine like an eggshell.



Ultra-Violet Rays Are Used To Check Spread of Disease

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 3 (UP).—The possibility of using ultra-violet rays to check the spread of air-borne contagious diseases in school rooms and other meeting places was suggested to physicians at the American Medical Association convention here.

William F. Wells and his wife, Mildred, both of the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, showed how by using ultra-violet light to sterilize the air in classrooms they had reversed the usual trend of a measles epidemic in three schools.

They reported that during a recent epidemic only a third as many cases occurred in primary grades where ultra-violet irradiation was carried on as in secondary grades not subjected to the experiment.

Ordinarily, during epidemics, there are three times as many cases in the lower grades as in the upper, Wells said.

He suggested that the method might be valuable to military authorities in preventing the spread of disease where men are congregated.

The experiments were conducted in a Germantown, Pennsylvania, school and two public schools in Swarthmore, Pennsylvania. Wells, a bacteriologist and his wife, a physician used simple, indirect ultra-violet fixtures in the lower grades. They were hung low and operating continuously during school hours, sent out rays which killed bacteria borne on the natural air currents in the room.

The result "strongly indicated," Wells said, the feasibility of extending the plan to such public assembly places as theatres and churches.

LATE MR W. FORSYTH

Dies In Glasgow

News was received in the Colony yesterday of the death in Glasgow on August 2 of Mr William Forsyth, formerly of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd., at the age of 74.

The late Mr Forsyth was born at Lossiemouth, Elginshire, Scotland, and served his apprenticeship as an engineer at Dumbarton. He later joined the Irrawaddy Flotilla Company and the Burma Oil Company and came to Hongkong in 1912 as an engineer foreman with the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. He retired in 1934 and returned to Scotland.

The late Mr Forsyth leaves two sons, Mr W. R. Forsyth of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, and Mr Alec Forsyth who is at home, and one daughter, Mrs D. J. Purves of Glasgow.

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1-Carry gently
- 2-Nation
- 3-Fredrick
- 4-European barbarian
- 5-Who who he was
- 6-Live in Nevada
- 7-Circus ring
- 8-Ireland
- 9-Place ready
- 10-Perous metals
- 11-Piece
- 12-Prent, around
- 13-Intervals of time
- 14-Disease of grape-vines
- 15-Ditched edge
- 16-Space for horse in stable
- 17-Man-rating stants
- 18-Clit's name
- 19-Itellins in chair
- 20-Development
- 21-Rotini
- 22-Anomping animals
- 23-Tilt, mound
- 24-Itale up
- 25-Dream
- 26-Level
- 27-Corrupted facts
- 28-Leaves out
- 29-Clit's name
- 30-Small pit
- 31-Made commonplace by repetition
- 32-That which makes cold
- 33-On side away from wind

DOWN

- 1-Twist out of shape
- 2-State positively
- 3-Banquetry
- 4-Parallel of latitude
- 5-Most disposable
- 6-Patience
- 7-Straw, brow
- 8-Number equal to
- 9-Stubber for deletions
- 10-Strut at liberty
- 11-Very unusual
- 12-Wicked
- 13-Animal dens
- 14-Expert aviators
- 15-Expert of three
- 16-Animal skins
- 17-Pool lever
- 18-Cause to wonder
- 19-Location
- 20-Jewish Passover
- 21-Letter "m" (pl.)
- 22-Kind of tree
- 23-Turned inside out
- 24-Journey
- 25-Examinied
- 26-Travelling bag
- 27-Kick
- 28-Orificial body
- 29-Wan
- 30-Open space
- 31-Religious image
- 32-Itoman emperor
- 33-Buttle
- 34-Consistent of beam of light
- 35-Buffs of conditlon

DE GAULLE AS A LEADER

In March, 1916, in the glorious inferno of Douaumont, a young Captain, gravely wounded for the third time since the beginning of the war, was captured on the battlefield. On five occasions he attempted to escape and five times he was recaptured. But neither reprisals nor persecutions could get the better of him. And when the victory of our armies liberated him, the man was well tempered who gave himself entirely to the service of France.

In his book, "The Army of the Future", published in 1934 one reads:

"In order to bring into being the professional army, and in order that that army should be provided with the material and with the new spirit without which it will never be more than a will-o-the-wisp, a leader will have to appear whose judgment is independent, whose orders are irresistible, and who is well thought of by public opinion. He must be in the service of only the state, free from prejudices, disdaining patronage. He must be firmly committed to his task, absorbed in far-reaching plans, well-informed about the men and things to be dealt with. He must be a leader who is at one with the army, devoted to those he commands, eager for responsibility; a man strong enough to compel, clever enough to persuade and great enough to carry through a great task. Such will be the minister, soldier or politician, to whom the nation will owe the next reconstruction of its forces."

The man above described is de Gaulle himself, and he

seems to have foreseen then that the time would come for him to be a leader. Never in the long history of France, neither at the height of her power nor at the lowest mark of her weakness, has a Frenchman held this astonishing and simple title: "Leader of all free Frenchmen". One must know well a man who has this title to understand how much he is worthy of it. Worthy to be a Leader and—what is rarer still—worthy to command free men. For such is the spirit of France that these two words—which would conflict in the tongue of her invaders—blend admirably in hers.

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Charles de Gaulle was a Leader during the last war, at the head of his company of infantry in Belgium, in Champagne, at Douaumont. He was a Leader again during the first phase of this war—of this war which continues for him—when, as a young general, he ordered his tanks against enemy positions and reaped, under the walls of Abbeville, one of the rare successes of an army always brave, but to whom an incapable General Staff had refused the means to conquer.

And what is more, his new strategy which would have prevented disaster, de Gaulle, indefatigably, year after year, had never ceased in his books, to preach to empty benches.

It is a Frenchman, who as early as 1934 demonstrated that a war of movement would in future have the advantage

over the strategy of massed men; it is a Frenchman who assigned to mechanised armies and motorised units an essential and decisive role. But, unfortunately for France, it is a German General Staff who put into practice what a French mind had conceived. General Guderian, creator of the German mechanised army, acknowledges in his books that General de Gaulle is a precursor and a master. Thus the army that the Reich has built up against France, it is France who first could have organised it against the Reich and reduced Hitler to defeat or, better still, to peace through fear of defeat.

Even during this war, when de Gaulle, practically in extremis, renewed his warnings, once again the General Staff would not listen. Was one afraid of the truth? Was one scared of a French victory? It is now time for Frenchmen to compare this man with those who have made their nest in defeat!

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But to command free men, it is not sufficient to be leader. One must also find himself incapable of commanding slaves. General de Gaulle does not resemble the European dictators, these centuries who add a bust of man to the animal mass of their peoples. He need not make inflated speeches, but when he must explain what the Free French are, he says, in a quiet and simple voice: "Two ways were open. My companions and myself have chosen that of honour." They are not "his men." They are not "his soldiers." They are "his companions." The men who follow de Gaulle will follow him to the end, but if they fall in battle, it is not his name that they will pronounce last, it is the name of France.



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"What—what?"
"The warbling note, Sir. I gather, Sir, that there is hostile aircraft in the vicinity."
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"Very good, Sir. I take it you are feeling the effects of—or—the little celebration last night?"
"Hawkins. If the R.A.F. could only drop hangovers like mine behind the enemy lines the war would be over before you could say Messerschmitt!"
"No doubt, Sir. But on the other hand, the enemy would probably discover Rose's Lime Juice, Sir. Ahem—as I have mentioned before, Sir—the restoration of the metabolic balance by Rose's Lime Juice—"
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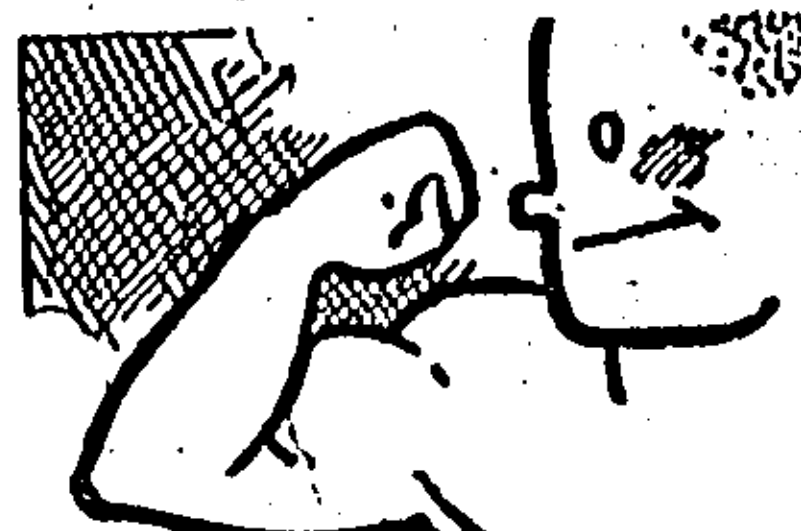
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RUSSIA'S FIGHT

THE semi-scepticism with which the earlier Russian claims of successes against the so-called invincible Nazi war machine was received in the sympathetic democratic countries, is now rapidly giving way to unqualified appreciation of the magnificent showing which the Soviets are making on the 2,000-mile war front. The original suspicions as to the extent of the achievements of the Russian army and air force were governed very largely by two considerations; firstly that it was generally believed outside of Russia that Stalin's fighting forces lacked first class equipment and real leadership; secondly, Russia, like Germany, had long practised skillful propaganda which, it was feared, might be misused in the form of exaggerated claims as is the case with Germany.

Happily both these conceptions proved to be entirely unfounded. Russia has demonstrated to the world that she possesses both splendid equipment and imaginative and highly competent military leaders, while the Moscow propaganda department has been so careful in wording its communications that subsequent events have more than once shown that Russian successes have been understated. These are factors which breed confidence not only in Russia itself, but among her allies and sympathetic neutrals. The most gratifying feature of the Russo-German war is that Russia is the first nation in the present European conflict to have withstood a Nazi invasion longer than 39 days without suing for an armistice; more than that, she has secured the initiative on several sectors, notably in the extreme north and in the central region. It is the Nazis in these areas who now face the prospect of a terrifying blitz.

By and large the situation on the eastern front is consoling and encouraging. Doubts have given way to confidence, and there is a growing conviction that Hitler has committed the supreme blunder which is to preface his ultimate downfall. This is not to suggest that the Germans are already a beaten army in Russia; fortunes in modern warfare can swing very rapidly and Hitler is not likely to withdraw from this eastern adventure without resort to every type of strategy known to his military chiefs; but he does face the prospect of falling morale among his forces while the Russians, encouraged by their fine showing to date, are growing more determined and more confident in their resistance. These can be all decisive influences in a conflict where men and materials are quantitatively equal.

The Strange Case of HESS'S PROPHET

By Elizabeth Castonier

In April, 1933, the famous clairvoyant Jan Erik Hanussen, a Polish Jew with an unpronounceable name, disappeared from his Berlin flat. The Nazis had just obtained power, and his disappearance was only mentioned casually in the Press—after all, he was a Jew.

But Hanussen had played a very important role in the Nazi Party's development. He had been poor a few years previously. But by performances in variety theatres all over Central Europe he had made a fortune. He lived in a luxury flat in Berlin's Mayfair and everybody who was anybody consulted him: businessmen, millionaires, aristocrats—and they had to pay heavily.

He foresaw the Nazi danger long before it actually came. And he tried to remain in constant touch with more or less important party members in order to become a "Schutzjude" (Jew protected by the Nazis). Among his constant customers were many who were killed in the great purge of June, 1934: Heines, Bruckner, Count Hellsdorf.

Rudolf Hess came for advice to Hanussen. It was a well-known fact that Hess was a highly strung, superstitious youngster who believed in the "Kurfischer" (those who diagnose diseases by looking into the patient's eyes, touching his hand to establish contact, and prescribing harmless herbs and dried grass at exorbitant prices).

Hanussen had predicted Hitler's future and given him advice many times. But only before Hitler came into power. Afterwards Hanussen was just a Jew, but dangerous because he knew too much of the private lives of leading Nazis. Many of them felt very uneasy about this man who knew that the "inner circle" surrounding Adolf Hitler was rotten and consisted of sadists, masochists and perverts of different grades. He gave large sums to the party. He financed Count Hellsdorf, who was constantly in debt and being blackmailed because of his abnormal inclinations.

Shortly before taking over the command in Germany, Hitler had a detailed horoscope made by Hanussen. Hanussen made two of them, an official one and one for his files. The one handed over to Hitler predicted victories, successes and immortality. The other foresaw Hitler's death. He was to be shot by one of his

glamour boys, the one he loved best.

This private prophecy disappeared from his files and Hanussen was taken from his flat by two S.S. men.

After a while, rumours began to spread that Hanussen had been murdered. Hess gave an order that Hanussen must be found, dead or alive, at any cost.

And the body was found in a wood near Berlin, with bullets in his back.

A humble shoemaker in Berlin's suburb immediately made a statement that he had seen a man, hands tied behind his back, looking like Hanussen, being pushed past his house into the wood. He heard shots, looked out and could just see the two Nazis in uniform putting back their revolvers and dragging the corpse away. This shoemaker never returned to his home.

But it was an almost official secret in Berlin that Hanussen had been shot because Hitler had suspected Hess to be the man who might kill him some day.

Japan Lacks Air Power To Dominate Far East

By HENRY WOOD

United Press Staff Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4 (UP).—The entire balance of power in the Far East may have been changed by the apparent certainty that aerial rather than naval or military strength will be the decisive factor in the present war, according to the Institute of Pacific Relations.

A complete survey of Japanese aviation just completed by the Institute reveals that whereas Japan has always counted in the past on her Navy to maintain her supremacy in Far Eastern waters, the sudden shift to aviation as the dominating factor in modern warfare has caught her quite unprepared.

Her Navy, operating by necessity in the limited South China Sea, is already within effective striking distance of aerial bases at Hongkong, Netherlands India,

the Philippines, China and even the Aleutian Islands.

The survey points out that as evidence that Britain is fully United States out. Her lack of machine tools and of trained pilots are severe handicaps. Moreover it is doubtful whether the balance of power in the Far East a British Air Marshal is with modern standards of the efficiency of new Commander-in-chief of British Far East Forces.

"British spokesmen have already claimed air superiority in the South China Sea and the Japanese have not contested it," the survey states.

Fought On Paper

"The great battle of aeroplanes versus warships has already been fought on paper at the desks of all military staffs fighters now necessary to acquire in the Far East," the survey states. "This theoretical battle takes place in the South China Sea. Its object on water is the Japanese Navy. The planes are predominantly of British and American design. The stage has been set. However, while the British have openly stated the basic revolutionary outline of their new strategy, Tokyo has been strangely silent."

The Institute finds that Japan has at the present time—according to the claims of the Navy—some 4,000 warplanes, and an annual output of about 3,000, evenly divided between the Army and the Navy.

"The same source, however," the Institute states, "disclosed that about 60 per cent. of Japan's naval warplanes are obsolete and possibly a danger to their pilots' lives rather than to the enemy."

Against this number, the western dependences, the Institute finds, have already 2,000 single month. planes in the Far East at their disposal.

"This would be more by one-third than the modern planes of the Japanese naval force. Virtually all of this concentration of western aerial power is shore-based, which means an advantage additional to its quantitative superiority. In addition, the basis of the bulk of the Japanese planes would still be in the homeland and more than 3,000 miles away and it is extremely unlikely that the Japanese would be willing to deprive the homeland of all protection by naval planes."

Cannot Build

Besides her present aerial inferiority, precisely at the moment when aviation is taking the ascendency in modern warfare, the survey reveals that for basic reasons that cannot be changed, Japan has little opportunity of ever building up to present demands for aviation if military resources with those she is to maintain her supremacy by force in the Far East.

China's Role

With this new development of aviation as the big factor for bringing about a change in the balance of power in the Far East, the survey points out that China is destined to play an important role.

"It is not accidental," the survey states, "that informal discussions have recently taken place between British and Chinese military authorities. It may be assumed that the present course of American aid to China is no more the implementation of a mere sentimental or moralistic attitude."

"This policy is now supported by the Staffs of the United States Army and Navy, as they see the Far Eastern development as taking place against Japan as an integrated whole—China, the Philippines, Netherlands India, British Malaya, Australia, and Burma all of them pooling their military resources with those put at their disposal by the United States."

My 3-Weeks Fast

It has always surprised me that Face and neck first began to show signs of getting thin. Girdle fat proved the most obstinate, and there in moments of political crisis. No one should know better than the Indian leader what a valuable health exercise a food fast can be.

Not long ago a judge made pointed reference to the benefits to be obtained from fasting, but the masses and energy kept me out of still regard the idea as something too doors from sunrise to sunset. At quackish for serious consideration. The back of my house there was a paddock about 1 1/2 acres in extent. Abstention from food is not a cure-all, but it has a certain value as a health exercise, and it will relieve the symptoms of many long-standing chronic complaints that have defied earlier years. My annual holiday had never proved long enough to the best skill of the medical profession.

Doctors look askance at the fast of grass. At other times during the fast I as a therapeutic method. They cannot afford to take chances, and there is always a risk attached to the practice of fasting. But most people, in good health or not, can fast for quite a long period without harm.

My own fast was undertaken with the consent and under the supervision of a doctor. It was my intention to give up smoking at the same time, so the double hurdle proved too ambitious for me. During the fast I smoked about 20 cigarettes a day and drank about five pints of Argentine tea without milk or sugar. I chose Argentine tea because it contains practically no tannin.

A Craving for Marzipan

Thanks probably to the cigarettes, hunger in the ordinary sense scarcely troubled me, but I developed an insatiable craving for everything. There is a reason for this. My doctor was able to extract from me the quintessence of plain even this quaint result. A craving for sugar to make good the diminished immediate feeling of hunger, but later on it created a craving for sugar to make good the amounts so released.

My weight at the beginning of the fast was 168 lbs. I was stoutish, but not actually fat. After two days without food I began to experience a pleasant sense of lightness, a feeling that physical activity would be well come. At the end of a week my weight was down to 164 lbs. at the end of a fortnight it was 173 lbs. at the end of three weeks it was 160 lbs.

Life Full of Zeal

The doctor visited me daily, and was amazed at my physical activity. Indeed, I think he was at first sceptical that I was carrying out a strict fast, but the rapid and consistent reduction of weight soon convinced him.

The return to food was cautious but delightful. At first only soups, then small helpings of solid food, and finally back to ordinary food again. Every dish was a re-discovery, and the long abstinence. The temptation to over-eat was tremendous, much more difficult to resist than the temptation to eat during the fast itself.

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GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Our leader has decided to strengthen the war cabinet—he's giving himself an extra vote!"

New Zealand Airman Wins Victoria Cross

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The Victoria Cross has been conferred on Sergeant James Allen Ward, of the local New Zealand Air Force No. 75 Squadron, in recognition of "most conspicuous bravery."

On the night of July 7, Ward was second pilot of a Wellington bomber returning from an attack on Munster. When flying over the Zuider Zee, the aircraft was attacked from beneath by a Messerschmitt. Fire broke out near the starboard engine, and fed by petrol from a split pipe, quickly gained an alarming hold, and threatened to spread to the entire wing.

The crew made a hole in the fuselage and made strenuous efforts to reduce the fire with extinguishers and even coffee from their vacuum flasks without success.

As a last resort, Ward volunteered to make an attempt to smother the fire with an engine cover.

Made Hold
With the help of the navigator, he climbed through the narrow hatch. Breaking the fabric to make hand and foot holds where necessary, and also taking advantage of the existing holes in the fabric, Ward succeeded in descending the ladder, and proceeding to a position behind the engine, despite the slipstream from the aircraft which nearly blew him off the wing.

Lying in this precarious position he smothered the fire in the wing fabric. Tired as he was, he was able, with the navigator's assistance, to make successfully the perilous journey back into the aircraft.

There was no danger of the fire spreading from the petrol pipe as there was no fabric left nearby, and in due course it burned itself out. When the aircraft reached home a safe landing was made despite the damage sustained by the aircraft.

Exciting Four Months

Although Ward had been in Britain only four months, he had taken part in nearly a dozen raids. Since joining his present squadron, Ward, using his own words, has done "two Kiels, one Dusseldorf, one Cologne, one Munster, and one Manchester."

Before joining the R.A.F. in July last year, he was a schoolmaster and was trained in New Zealand under the Empire training scheme.

This is the seventh Victoria Cross of the war to go to British airmen and the first to be gained by a New Zealander.

N. Z. LINEN FLAX CROP SOLD FOR DURATION

WELLINGTON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The New Zealand Prime Minister (Mr. Peter Fraser) has cabled from London stating that the United Kingdom Government has agreed to buy for the duration of the war and for a year after it New Zealand's linen flax crop from 25,000 acres.

The prices for 1941-42-43-44 have already been agreed upon and prices after 1944 will also be fixed by mutual agreement.

The Minister of Commerce, Mr. Sullivan, described this arrangement as most satisfactory and said that the increased acreage would necessitate the erection of six more processing factories, sites for which had already been acquired.

Progress In Year

Mr. Sullivan added that apart from supplying Britain with fibre and although it was less than a year since she undertook to grow flax for Britain, New Zealand had supplied £35,000 worth of pedigree seed to Britain, India, Egypt and Australia, exceeding the value of the original seed received from Britain.

Vichy-Berlin Bonds Cemented

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MARSEILLES, Aug. 4 (Dorel).—M. Paul Marion, Minister of Information in the Vichy Government, stressed the necessity of Franco-German coalition at a meeting of Government representatives and members of the Commerce and Industry Ministry held recently.

M. Marion said that malicious rumours had been in circulation but in fact Germany was not planning to enforce any demands which would soil the reputation of Premier Petain or of Vice-Premier Admiral Darlan. He asserted that Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan were right in their conviction that the only way to save France from the reverses of defeat was through unconditional co-operation with Germany, with which the French People should acquiesce. France and Germany, the Minister stressed, are correlated in their existence.

"Japan Has Worked... To Keep Peace"

TOKYO, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Prejudices abroad have prevented a fair understanding of the Far Eastern situation, declared the "Japan Times," which affirms that the policy of Japan is one of "Hakko Ichi Aye," meaning "an harmonious world under one heaven."

The newspaper complains of America's pursuit of a policy consistently imperialistic and says that it is a voluntary moral inequity on her part to offset the evidence of America's spreading domination.

Adding that Washington has extended its influence far from the New World into the territory of other peoples, the newspaper urges the American people to re-examine the policy which designs the attempted punishment of all foreign countries which do not line up with American power politics.

Japan has worked consistently to keep peace in the Far East, and has the right to live in peace and co-operation with the territories around it.

Hull Returns To Duty

With Undimmed Ardour

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—"With unity of purpose and maximum effort, the remaining free peoples of the world will win and the victims of the forces of evil will be liberated," said the Secretary of State Mr. Cordell Hull, addressing his first press conference to-day after an absence from duty of nearly two months.

Mr. Hull called for ever-increasing preparations for defence "whenever and wherever such defence can be most effective."

He added that if a full effort is made to attain maximum production, "a successful resistance to the present world movement of invasion and destruction can be made and in my judgment will be made."

Chinese Victory In Hupeh

ENSHIH, Aug. 4 (Central News).—Chinese forces in west Hupeh scored a substantial victory last Saturday when they defeated over 7,000 Japanese troops northeast of Ichang, forcing them in the direction of Tangyang, 30 miles northeast of Ichang.

The Japanese based along the Ichang-Kingmen highway moved three columns against the Chinese forces heading for Ichang. A battle of sizeable magnitude subsequently developed featured by Chinese efforts to lure the Japanese main column inland before counter-attacking.

A Japanese counter-thrust assisted by bombing planes and light artillery failed. Japanese general retreat ensued with the Chinese pursuing.

GALLUP POLL ON JAPAN

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (Central News).—According to a Gallup poll published to-day, a survey asking the question, "Should the United States take steps now to keep Japan from becoming more powerful even if this means risking war with Japan?" received the following answers: 51 per cent in favour, 31 per cent against and 18 per cent undecided.

N.E.I. Will Relax Freezing

BATAVIA, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The Netherlands East Indies authorities have agreed to extend export licences to Japan for goods such as oil, rubber and tin, payment for which was settled prior to the N.E.I. action in freezing Japanese assets, says a Japanese report. Japanese residents in the N.E.I. who are affected by the freezing order are reportedly being allowed to withdraw part of their accounts to cover payments for salaries, telegrams and rent on premises of detailed claims to their banks.



ANSWER BRITAIN'S CALL—In answer to Britain's call for radio technicians to operate new radiolocators, more than 200 signed up at British Consulate, New York, in one day.

GERMANS REGRETTED ANTAGONISING CHINA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (Central News).—China's swift and decisive action in severing diplomatic relations with Germany on her recognition of the Wang Ching-wei regime came as a complete surprise to Reich officials circles, Mr. Chen Chieh, returned envoy, informed the "Central News" in an exclusive interview to-day.

Generally speaking German officials and financiers regretted the severance of relations between the two countries while civilians were particularly surprised and deplored the recognition of the puppet government, Mr. Chen said.

Chinese are still popular with the Germans and many families of high German officials and financiers bade farewell to the Chinese diplomats upon their departure from Berlin.

Mr. Chen disclosed that the Japanese had been working very hard to get Berlin's recognition of the puppet government and it is generally believed that recognition was granted merely to maintain Mr. Yosuke Matsukawa's position in the Konohe Cabinet in order to keep the Axis intact. Berlin's recognition was not particularly out of love for the Japanese or dislike for China but chiefly as an expedient which caused anxiety in Germany.

Anti-War Sentiment
Asked about the internal situation in Germany, Mr. Chen said that there is undoubtedly a certain amount of anti-war sentiment existing but this cannot find large-scale expression. War supplies and foodstuffs from occupied countries are insufficient to meet German demands and the country is facing financial difficulties. Members of the Chinese Embassy in Berlin and the Chinese Consulates in Hamburg and Vienna had all been withdrawn. Chinese remaining overseas included 150 students who had been promised financial aid by German cultural organisations.

WAILING WALL PILGRIMAGE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—A record pilgrimage estimated at well over 25,000 persons visited the historic Wailing Wall in the old city of Jerusalem during Saturday and Sunday in observance of the anniversary of the destruction of the second temple in A.D. 70.

Roosevelt At Sea

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW LONDON, Conn., Aug. 4 (UP).—President Roosevelt left here this morning for the seas off the Southern New England coast on a vacation cruise aboard the Presidential Yacht Potomac.

The President will meet Admiral Ernest King, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet at sea for a conference regarding the Atlantic patrol. His movements are being kept secret.

German Ship Is Intercepted

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 4 (UP).—The Admiralty announced to-day that the Royal Navy has intercepted the German steamer Frankfurt of 6,329 tons which was attempting to run the blockade from Rio de Janeiro. The time and place was not specified. This is the eighth German blockade runner to be intercepted this year.

Freezing Courtesy

TOKYO, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The Finance Ministry states that whereas the Japanese Government has been informed that Japanese diplomatic and consular services in Britain and Austria have been exempted from the assets freezing regulations, the same consideration is extended in Japan to British and Australians effective on August 5.

Louis-Nova-Conn Merry-Go-Round

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each time you combine them differently.

In the ivy-coated big three, Yale used to whale Princeton in football, and Princeton whaled Harvard. But Harvard was always very tough for Yale.

In tennis, 20 years ago, there was another overlapping triangle of the same kind.

Matter Of Styles

VINCENT Richards, then a boy wonder, had Big Bill Tilden's number. He didn't beat Bill invariably, but invariably he gave him trouble. Tilden had little Bill Johnston under his thumb. He whipped Johnston at will. But Johnston beat Richards, the nemesis of Tilden, with great consistency.

It was mostly a matter of styles, and the same explanation applies to Louis and Conn and Nova—if I am correct in my devious and electricity theory that Louis can beat Conn, Conn can beat Nova, and Nova can beat Louis.

By this theory, Louis hits too swiftly and murderously for Conn. A lot of the boys have told you Conn might have won if he'd boxed and run in the last three rounds of their fight this week.

I don't believe it for a minute. Conn was boxing and running when Louis nailed him with a right in the thirteenth round. It was Joe's first square hit of the evening, to the head, and when Louis really nails you, you don't box and run any more. You either drop at once, or you do what Conn did—try desperately to carry the fight back to Louis. Conn was nailed and cornered, and he fought back bravely, but unavailably. Now, although Louis will knock out the Conns when he hits them cleanly, the Novas are a different family.

I doubt whether Nova is fast enough to stop or catch Conn. On the other hand, I think Nova can take Louis's best punch—the best punch of the Louis of 1941. Nova is strong as a bull, burning with ambition, a great absorber, and just skilful enough to stab Louis, to cut him, to hurt him, and perhaps to stop him.

Scattered Bombings On Britain

LONDON, Aug. 4 (UP).—A joint communique issued by the Ministry of Home Security and the Air Ministry states that there was slight enemy activity on the east coasts of Scotland and England last night.

Bombs were dropped at a few scattered points including one in north-east England where some houses were demolished and some casualties caused, including a small number of people killed.

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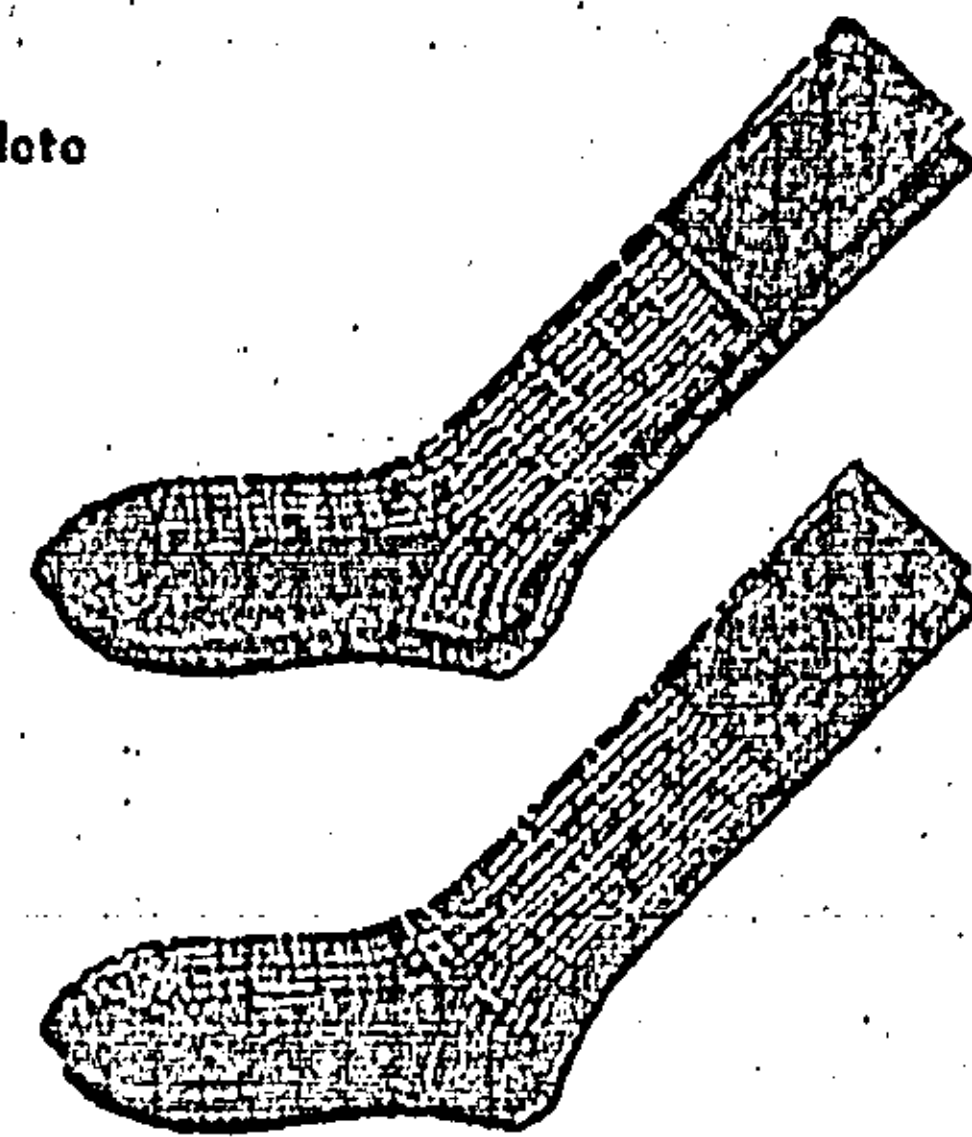
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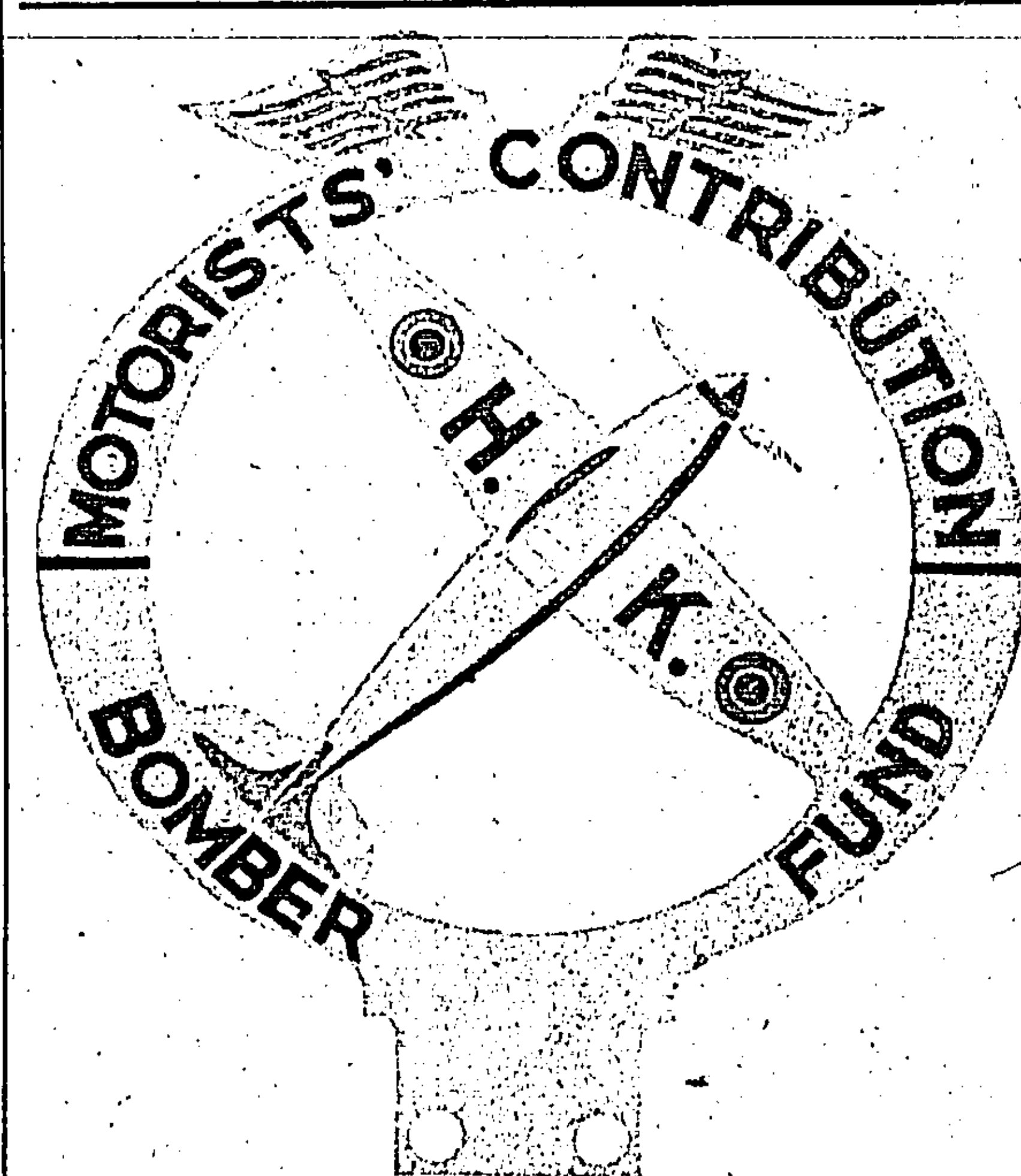
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"Ball Fan's" Baseball Notes

Mindanaomen At Pennantville's Door

Pitcher Powlawski Finds Old Form

Chung Hwa Battered And Humbled

Counter-balancing yet another dreary week-end baseball programme, when head-on winds from the north preceded a downpour of torrential rains to completely wash out the Sabbath tilt, the comeback hurling dished in by the brilliant Ski Powlawski, proved a boomerang tossed in the right direction, for ball fans at the Chatham Road park.

The high-powered "Skier" led Mindanao's terrific M to the very doors of Pennantville for the second year in succession, as the champions smashed through to a colossal 14-1 triumph over grandpa Leung's weak-willowed Chung Hwa Maroons.

WITH a re-organised infield playing steady ball, and with the recently signed Mac MacKenzie making his debut how before local ball fans in the outfield, the master speedballer bore down with all the confidence in the world.

Using a steady fast ball with a slight change of pace, Hongkong's leading twirler had the Chung Hwa Maroons virtually eating out of his hands as he set the Chinese favourites down with three meaty bingles and whiffed ten.

Setting off a few sparks in the opening stanza which had the gas-house mob warmed up at the outset, the terrific M threatened to open up with the pressure by filling the bases on a single, a bunt and a walk, after Wee Willie Wilson had whiffed in the breeze; but Mac MacKenzie's foul host and Robert Wilson's slow roller to hurler Wally Ching cut short this initial canto near uprising.

The sparks ignited by the champions gradually opened up into a slow flame in the 2nd frame when two runs crossed the platter on a smashing double to centrefield by Spud Gronck, which sent Greasy Moore leading home; and Mac MacKenzie's wild leave to third brought in the eluding Gronck with the second tally in this warm-up stanza.

Chung Hwa pushed through with their lone run in the last of the second when shortstop Greasy Moore bungled a hot roller by grandpa Leung, sending Morocco Chan whizzing across the plate to avert a shut-out.

Conflagration

The slow burning flame, ignited by the champions in the early part of the game, broke into red hot conflagration in the 5th stanza when five big tallies crossed the plate in a mad scoring spurge.

Mac MacKenzie singled past short to start off this eventful inning. Bob Wilson walked and Chinese hurler Wally Ching's wild leave after scooping up a perfectly lined bunt by Bowersox, brought MacKenzie rushing in toward the plate. Greasy Moore laid down another perfect bunt along the third base line to send another run flashing across the pan. The flustered Wally Ching again threw wild as the terrific M fans yelled gleefully when Bowersox cashed in at home plate. Gronck whiffed for the first out and Wee Willie Wilson grounded to third base, to make it two in a row as grandpa Leung's cheering chorus along Chatham Road breathed a temporary sigh of relief. Muddy Ruel came through with a mighty

Saturday's Stars

Ski Powlawski and Hank Ruel, Mindanao—The popular "Skier" made a brilliant comeback to pitching form as he set the Maroon gang down with three scattered bingles and fanned ten; latter dished in with a steady fielding game in his initial appearance at first base. The "Crooner" also slammed out two sizzling hits and crossed the platter with two tallies.

Swing in the Mindanao rally, crashing out a sizzling liner through second to drive in Greasy Moore. Sluggo Tony Muscavage's bingle brought in the "Crooner" with the fifth tally. Mac MacKenzie struck out to end this disastrous Chinese Maroon inning.

The Chung Hwa men appeared pretty well baffled in the tough going, with the heavy Mindanao scoring pressure turned on in full.

Game Ends

This eventful inning meant the ball game and restored the confidence, so synonymous in the make-up of champions, to Mindanao's pennant-holding ball team, after that ill-fated loss to the marauding Mohawks a few weeks back.

With the burning yearn for more runs solidly imbedded in the American gunboat ball machine, the flame of red hot conflagration tenfold reached its climax pinnacle in the last canto when six (count 'em) runs crashed over the platter in a mad merry-go-round spree—sending the Maroons out with another big loss, definitely telling the gas-house mob, just who will nab the Bagram Shield this year, sending a spurt of that well-known "happy feeling" to all Mindanao fans at Ski Powlawski's return to twirling form and telling one and all in elegant red-trimmed letters, "Pennantville has been reached."

Score:—

Mindanao	0210000	14	9	2
Chung Hwa	0100000	1	3	10

Batteries:—Ski Powlawski and Tony Muscavage; Wally Ching and Bill Chang.

League Standing

U.S.S. Mindanao	W.	L.	Pts.
"Hongkong Beer"	4	1	800
Chung Hwa Maroons	4	3	571
U.S.S. Asheville-Tulsa	1	1	500
H.K.B.C. Mohawks	3	4	422
Royal Engineers	2	5	286
South China	1	6	143

* have withdrawn.



LETTING ONE GO THROUGH

Spud Gronck, Mindanao, giving a ball the "once over", and it looks like a walk, for the ump. Welfie Welford, has three digits of the left hand out. Bill Chang, Chung Hwa catching.—Ming Yuen.

Louis-Nova-Conn Merry-Go-Round

NEW YORK.—The heavyweight picture to-day is triangular, with the solemn face of Joe Louis in one corner, the sweet but slightly damaged kisser of Billy Conn in another, and the anxious countenance of Lou Nova in the third, writes John Lardner in the Vancouver "Daily Province."

Mr Nova wants to fight Louis this year, for reasons both cosmic and financial, but they probably will ask him to beat Conn first if they don't ignore him completely.

Mr Nova does not wish to beat Conn, or even to meet him socially. He believes Conn's place is in the ash can. He wants Louis now.

"Why should I have to fool with Conn?" the sun-kissed student from California was asking after Conn's lively waltz with Lou. "He's not my size; he's not in my class. I've beaten tougher fellows than he is. Besides, Mike Jacobs promised me the September shot with Louis, and Louis is the boy I want."

A bystander suggested that if Mr Nova declines to mix with Conn, they may just skip the Californian entirely and rematch Conn with Louis.

"Both Too Big For Conn"

"WHAT for?" said Mr Nova stubbornly. "Louis stiffened Conn. He washed him up. He proved his point. He's too big for him. We're both too big for him. Way don't Conn go somewhere and play and leave us heavyweights to settle the heavyweight situation?"

This reasoning, though highly sound from the point of view of Mr Nova and his immediate relatives, will not, of course, make any impression on Michael Shrewsbury Jacobs, the Duke (pronounced deuce) of boxing. Uncle Mike has three good cards in his hand, and he is going to play them his own way.

The Louis-Conn-Nova triangle has a rather odd phase. I think Louis can lick Conn again. I think Conn can lick Nova, and I'm beginning to suspect that Nova can lick Louis.

Mind you, none of the characters in question concedes these points. Conn believes himself to be master of the situation. Louis is confident against anybody. And Nova's contempt for Conn is perfectly genuine.

But styles and weights and speed and power produce different results

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Chinese Soccerites Soon Returning

SYDNEY, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Because of the tension in the Far East, the Chinese soccer team now in Australia will leave for Hongkong after playing the last test.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A. Swimming Trials To-night

FURTHER TRIALS for the selection of the V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A. team to meet the Combined Chinese Clubs this week-end at the V.R.C. will take place this evening in the V.R.C. pool. These will commence at 8 p.m.

All-Schools Gala

As regards the all-Schools gala on August 23, a meeting of representatives will be held at the V.R.C. this evening. This, also, is scheduled for 8 p.m.

To date, eight entries have been received. Five are from boys' schools. These are: St. Joseph's College, La Salle College, Diocesan Boys' School, St. Stephen's College and Nam Hwa College.

Girls.—St. Mary's School and the French Convent.

South China's Second Gala

South China A. A. will hold their second swimming gala of the season to-night at North Point, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The programme is: Men's 50 metres free-style, men's 200 metres breast stroke, ladies' 100 metres free-style, men's 50 metres breast stroke, 50 metres handball (training class), men's 200 metres breast stroke (handicap), 50 metres blind-fold race, ladies' 200 metres breast stroke (handicap), diving and water-polo (South China v. Chinese Bathing Club).

Exhibition Model Aeroplane Contest This Month

Sponsored by the Hongkong Model Plane Association, the first Model Planes Exhibition in Hongkong is scheduled to take place on August 14, when over 10 different types of model planes will be on display.

Entries must be made before August 10, and planes sent to the Association before August 13. The planes will be exhibited on the show shelves of the China Products Company, Des Voeux Road Central.

The Board of Directors of the Association held a meeting yesterday when it was decided to invite General Chen Chin-yun, Vice-Minister of Overseas Affairs, General Li Fu-yuan, Mr. Liang Shou-yi and Mr. Huang Shui-hai as judges.

A Model Planes flying contest is also being planned and up to the present more than 100 entries have been received.

County Teams In Holiday Cricket Action

W. J. Edrich Scores 102

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—With the majority of the leading players in action, cricket was the main August Bank Holiday attraction to-day. A crowd of 20,000 saw a combined Middlesex-Essex side score 412 for 6 declared against a combined Kent-Surrey XI at Lord's.

The outstanding feature of this match was the innings of 102 by Squadron Leader W. J. Edrich, the England Test cricketer. This match concludes to-morrow.

Worcester Wins

Worcestershire beat Warwickshire by 32 runs. Worcester.—139. Warwick.—107.

Drawn Match

Northants drew with Leicestershire. Scores were: Northants.—165 for 8 decd. Leicestershire.—19 for 1.

60 For O'Connor

London Counties, comprising several of the leading southern County players drew with the Mayor of Southgate's XI to-day. Scores were: London Counties.—103 (O'Connor, of Essex, 60).

Mayor of Southgate's XI.—23 for 4. Derby-Notts Draw

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire drew. Scores were: Derby.—210 for 6 declared. Notts.—57 for 1.

Two Hat-Tricks In One Match

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—A two-day cricket match took place over the weekend between a British Empire team and the Metropolitan Police. British Empire won by 153.

Remarkable bowling marked the match. T. Oliver, of the Police, took six for 35, including the hat trick in the Empire's second innings, but Police in their second innings found C. B. Clarke, the West Indies test player, practically unplayable. Clarke took all 10 wickets for 29, including the hat trick. Scores: British Empire.—172 and 148-9 (declared). Police.—25 and 72.

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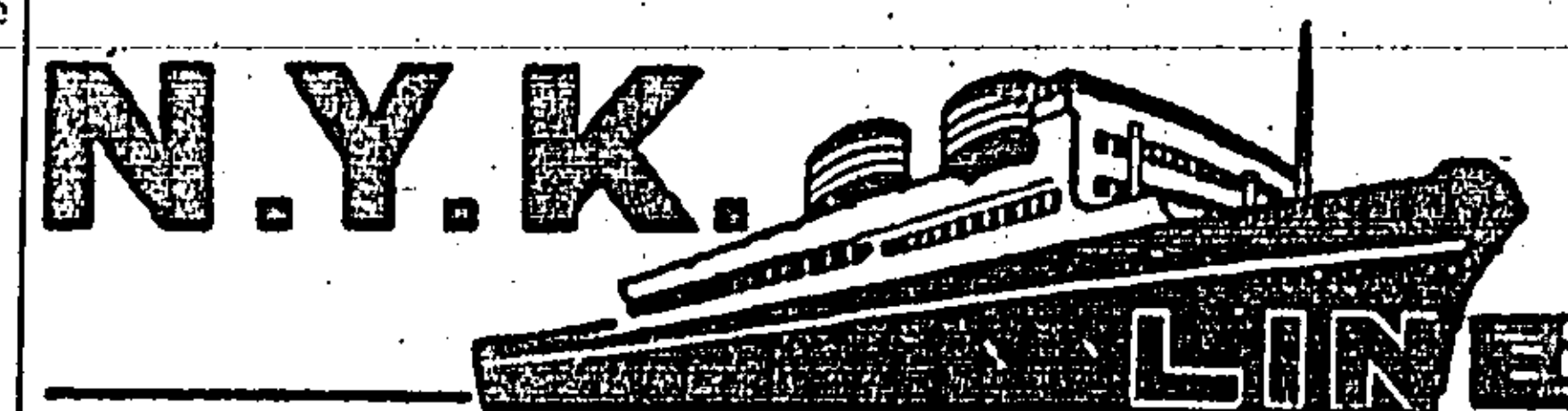
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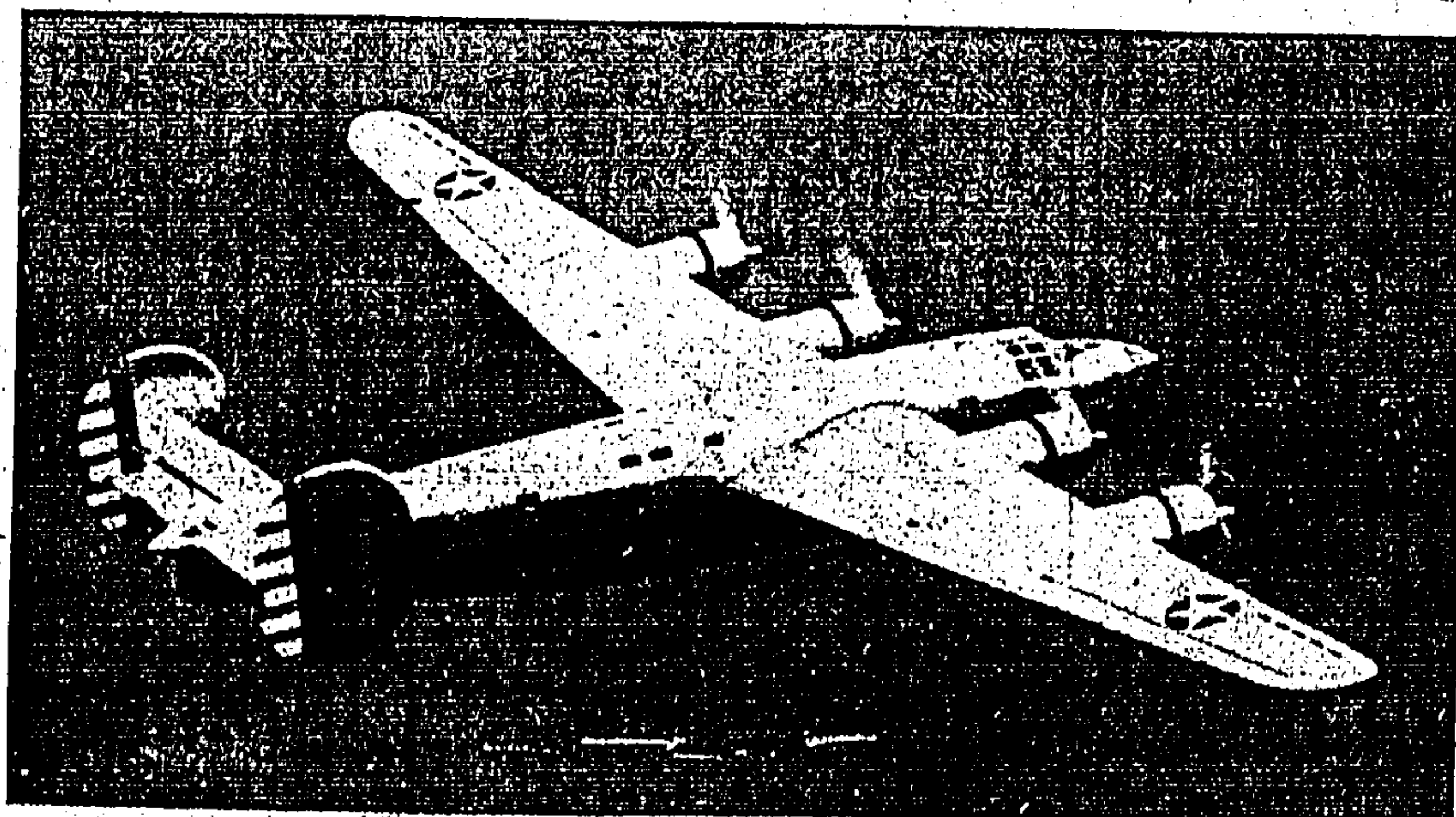
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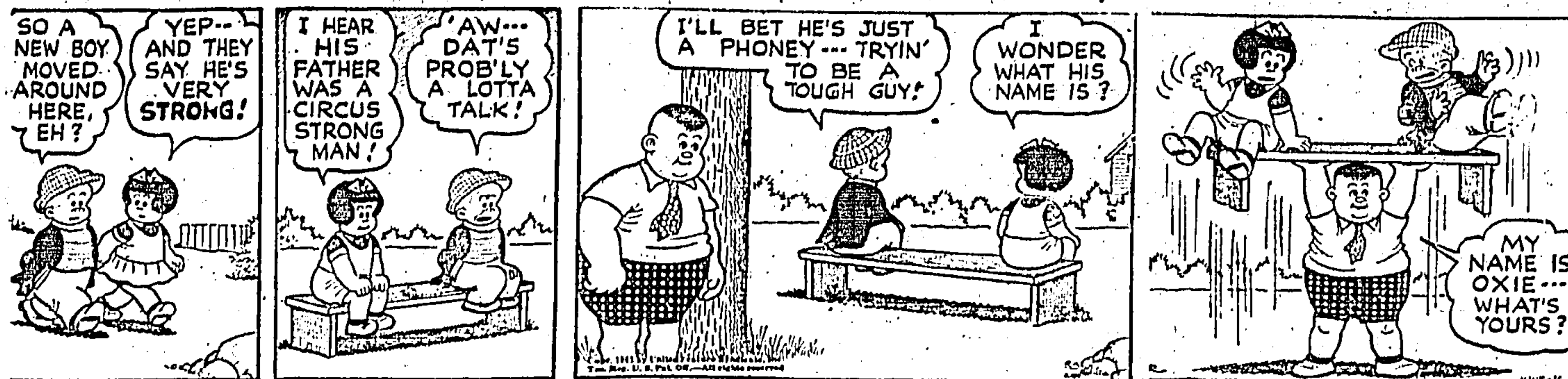
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Swiss Youth Fighting Openly For Ideals of Democracy

BERNE, Switzerland.—Among Europe's S. S. and S. A. troops, Iron Guards, Sons of Wolves, Fascist organisations, and Communist guards, there is one organisation of politically elite young men who are fighting openly for the ideals and the methods of democracy with the weapons of propaganda and mass psychology. They are the Gottard League of Switzerland.

Faced by the constantly increasing undermining activity of Nazi splinter parties and foreign agents, these young men banded themselves together and determined in their leaves of absence from Army service to defend their country with propaganda as they were ready to defend it with modern weapons on the frontier. They based their decision on the knowledge that the Axis powers regard propaganda as a part of warfare itself and attack with words and ideas and emotions before they come with bombers and tanks.

First of all, the young Gottard Leaguers decided to put a halt to the rumours which ran about the country on every occasion in which Europe and Switzerland faced a crisis. They were sure that hundreds of professional rumour mongers in the pay of the Axis were taking advantage of the receptivity to any wild tale which the excitement and tension of the European situation periodically created in the Swiss public mind.

Women would come with the excited tale that a leading Army officer had just fled the country. From hands would whisper mysteriously that two spies had just been caught dressed as nuns. People would say that "certain higher officers" were converted to Nazism.

Caution On Rumours

The Gottard League in key positions in the Army and in civil life traced these rumours as far as possible. The story seemed to be most frequently aimed on a non-existent "lieutenant colonel." Wherever they could in their contact the Gottarders urged civilians to restraint and discipline in the spreading of such rumours and to a calm sceptical attitude toward any story, of a sensational nature unfounded by official sources.

They went even further than this. They headed chronic rumour mongers whose weakness was merely the vanity of knowing the latest story over to the police for light penalties and professionals in the game who spread rumour with the intent to weaken the morale of the country for severe punishments.

Most almighty customers are the well-organized "fifth column" in every Swiss city who, just as in Czechoslovakia, Austria, Holland, Belgium and Poland, divide the district into blocks for each of which a "columnist" is "responsible." The Gottarders are determined to bring their methods out into the light and to expose their word for the fraud that it is.

The Real Conditions

Gottard leaders are at the present time speaking from countless platforms of Switzerland combating the insidious idea carefully planted and spread by these paid "columnists" that Switzerland cannot and will not defend itself in case of attack. The Swiss can and will defend themselves, of this the Gottarders are convinced with a crusading conviction which they are carrying to every one of their fellow citizens.

The ridiculous promises of "fifth columnists" of "free train rides and

overnights in the best hotels," furniture and cheap houses," "State bonuses to the small saver and decreased taxes" and countless other benefits in return for a "change of mind" toward Germany, are being exposed by the Gottard men in public lectures delivered by people of intelligence who have actually been to these neighbouring foreign countries which are supposed to be so ideal and who actually know and can describe conditions there.

The Swiss are an international people acquainted with every country in Europe where they have business and personal connections. It is very difficult to fool them. A more difficult problem is economic and political spying. The Swiss have an efficient though small Federal police to enforce the laws against this activity, but it is impossible in a Nation where there are so many Germans and other foreigners to keep the Axis powers from getting information of a personal or business nature which they employ to bring pressure on individuals to gain inner political influence.

Typical Axis Pressure
They use such phrases as, "We would appreciate it if so and so

would change his stand on such and such a question." Of course the Germans have exact records of the weaknesses of character, ambition, lack of success and money, debts of leading men in every branch of public and business life.

Against the sort of fear which such an uncanny weapon can spread the Gottard Leaguers bring the example of fearless patriotism and constant clarification and enunciation of the "lasting principles of Swiss democracy."

They are not still reactionaries. They have many reforms to make Swiss democracy better, to give the workers a better life and to inspire youth to take part in public life and to strengthen the family, but they do believe ardently in Swiss democracy as "The greatest state idea the world has ever seen combining various cultural groups, languages, religions and labour organisations in free fellowship, tolerance and co-operation."

"They mean to defend this ideal. So far from taking orders from the New Europe they feel themselves the symbol of another kind of Europe, a freer and better one."

U.S. and Canada Act To Co-ordinate Production

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (UP).—The Governments of the United States and Canada have moved to tighten their co-ordination of defence production and to soften post-war blows upon changes which the economy in each country now is undergoing.

The two countries recently, announced the establishment of four-man committees to recommend means of carrying out the two-point programme.

"It is the common belief of the two governments that such studies and reports should assist the governments and peoples of each country in formulating policies and actions for the better utilisation of their productive capacities for the mutually greater welfare of each, both in the present emergency period and after the emergency has passed," the Department of State said.

It said that the joint inquiry marks one further step in the implementation of the declarations of mutual co-operation made by President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Mackenzie King at Hyde Park, N. Y., on April 20.

Last autumn the United States and Canada established a joint defence board of which the chief American member is Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York.

The United States Committee is composed of William L. Batt, OPM Production Director; Harry D. White, Director of Monetary Research in the Treasury Department; Prof. Alvin H. Hansen of the Graduate School of Economics, Harvard University, now associated temporarily with the

Federal Reserve Board, and E. Dana Durand, a member of the U. S. Tariff Commission.

Assistant Secretary of State A. A. Berle, Jr., will sit with the Committee from time to time, it was said.

Members of the Canadian Committee are R. A. C. Henry, of the Department of Munitions and Supply; Prof. W. A. Mackintosh, special adviser to the Department of Finance; J. G. Bouchard, official of the Department of Agriculture, and Alex Skelton, head of the Research Division of the Bank of Canada.

H. L. Keenleyside of the Department of External Affairs, will sit with the Canadian group when required.

NEW TREATMENT FOR BURNS

Shillington, Delaware, Aug. 3 (UP).—Discovery of a new treatment for severe burns has been announced by authorities at the Johns-Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. The treatment uses a combination of sulfadiazine in spray form. Reports from the hospital show that it has produced remarkable results in its early test cases.

Viennese Star Shuns "Glamour," Prefers Her Hollywood Ranch

By HALSEY RAINES

A reticently alluring young lady with raven-black tresses, who suggests the Helen or Annabel of Edgar Allan Poe's lyric eulogies, is Hollywood's number one 1941 exponent of the Viennese tradition. She is lissome and languorous Hedy Lamarr, whose twin hobbies are raising chickens and painting fences around her acre-and-a-half California "ranch" and who is now co-starring with James Stewart, Judy Garland and Lana Turner in M.G.M.'s forthcoming "Ziegfeld Girl."

Miss Lamarr's pet dislike is to be now somewhat shopworn phrase, "glamour girl." She doesn't like it to be directed at her, and she feels it's apt to be sort of boomerang compliment wherever used. Her insistent appeals to play comedy rather than clotheshorse parts led to her appearance as an overalled Soviet motorwoman and a back-to-the-Pennsylvania-farm girl in her latest two parts.

The young Austrian star's simplicity of manner is utterly genuine. She went to America with noisy and ostentatious publicity, and she plodded about her at every turn; she dodged reporters whenever possible, but won the reputation of being a model subject whenever an interview was granted; she survived the ordeal of being elected 1940 Class Day favorite by a score of American colleges; and she kept right on buying three day-old chicks for that miniature Tyrolean farm.

Just an adolescent school girl with large, bright staring eyes when she first visited a picture set in suburban Vienna, Miss Lamarr was caught up by fortune in one of those Cinderella-like transformations that sometimes out-invent the most imaginative movie press agent. Her clothes were drab and rather poorly selected, her make-up worse than none and her hair and hat at an impasse. Dr. Wilhelm Steinhilber, the noted producer who is now in Hollywood, spotted her and suggested a fairly comprehensive recasting. The young lady demurred, explaining that she was just a visitor, went home, thought it over, and eventually returned. It was then too late to get any consideration for a walk-through in the picture just being finished, but a month later a test was made and a small bit assigned



She likes farm life.

In the next film, one dealing with young romance and having a particularly guttural and forbidding title, The producer's discovery registered. Next came "Man Braught Kein Geld" (Money Isn't Everything), in which she registered still more. From this picture, "Destiny," and other European efforts to "Algers" was still a long jump—eight thousand geographical and innumerable psychological miles—but they made it with shining colours. Then came "Lady of the Tropics," "Boom Town," "Comrade X" and "Come Live with Me." And now, if they'll keep the banner labelled "glamour girl" in the other corner of the sound stage, she'll be perfectly happy.

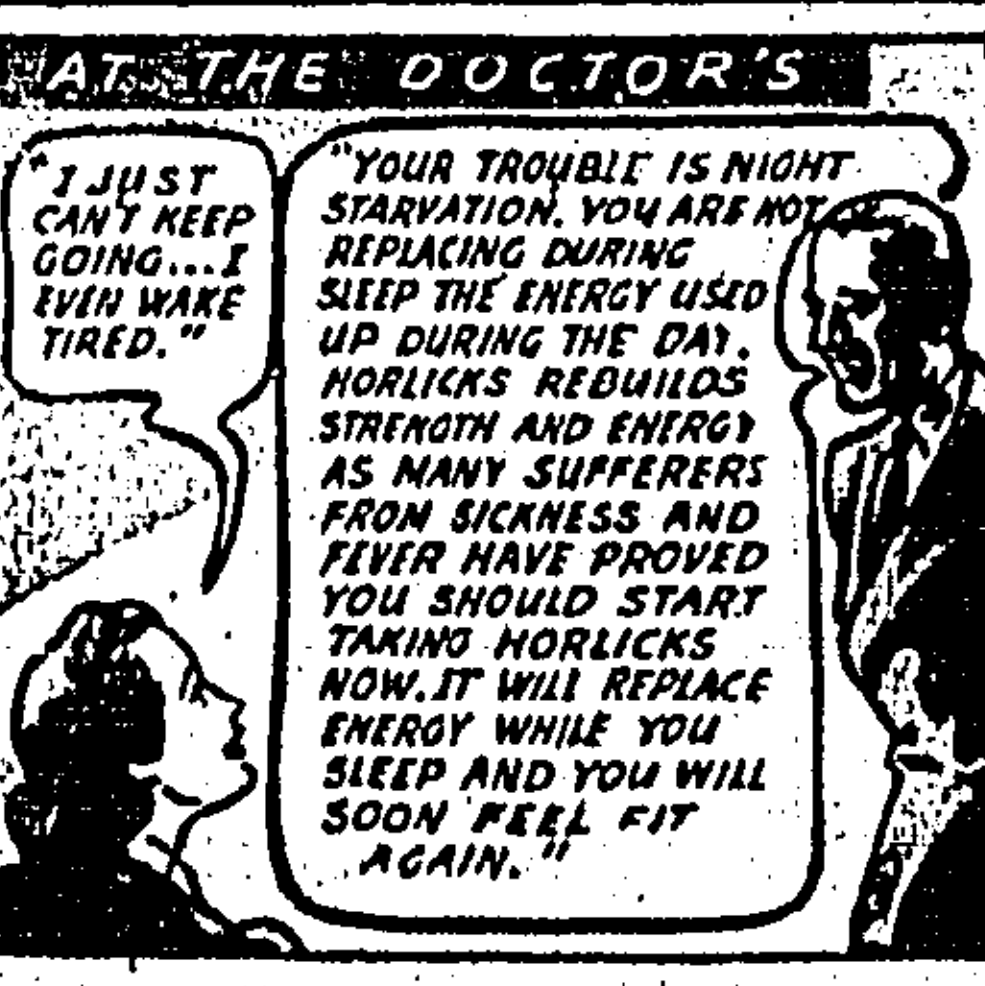
GOLDFISH'S SIGHT

Troy, N. Y., Aug. 3 (UP).—Goldfish with the largest eyes have the poorest sight. That is the finding of Gardner Eberhart, of Chenango, a senior biology student at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute who is patiently weighing goldfish eyes, measuring their retinas and counting their nerve fibres.

GRAINS NOT FOR WINE-MAKING

Kweichow Provincial Government has joined other provincial authorities in banning the use of grains for making wines, as part of the drive for conserving foodstuffs. The Kweichow ban went into effect on July 1.

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Disembarkation of Japanese Continues

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Disposition of British Troops

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—It is learned in London that there is no truth in the rumour that Britain has sent 100,000 troops to the Thailand border. The dispositions of the British forces in Singapore are purely defensive and no move of the magnitude indicated has taken place.

Australian Reaction

SYDNEY, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. P. C. Spender, the Minister for War, in a speech here to-day said that Australia was looking at the rising tension in the Far East with calm but determined eyes.

"Our most earnest endeavour is to preserve peace in the Pacific but we are not prepared to give up at a point the interests and imperial possessions which it is our joint responsibility to guard nor see them whittled away by stealthy encroachment and infiltration," said Mr. Spender.

Misgivings

Indo-China, Malaya and Thailand are as close neighbours to Australia as Japan. We look with misgiving at the arrival of Japanese forces in Indo-China. Indications are going even further. That by Japan of protection is only a cynical pretext for unblinking aggression.

"Australia, if necessary, will give ringing proof that she means to control her destiny. Ninety thousand Australian troops are already abroad and they will be substantially increased. More than 100,000 enlisted in the A.I.F., equivalent on a population basis, to 3,000,000 Americans. Some 250,000 militiamen are maintaining home defence."

Tokyo Temperature

TOKYO, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The absence from Tokyo of Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and Sir John Latham, the Australian Minister, and the return to-day of Mr. Joseph C. Grew, the United States Ambassador, in a cheerful frame of mind indicate that nothing serious is coming immediately, but it is obvious that Japan is stalling for time to complete domestic preparations.

The quietude of the last few days has been given an ominous tone by the continued press hostility to the Democracies and an almost frenzied invocation of the national general mobilisation law in fields hitherto untouched.

The "Yomiuri" to-day notes Colonel Knox's assertion that Japan has oil stocks to last 18 months of warfare and retorts: "So what?" The paper adds the allegation that Chungking has access to vast but unpublished petrol resources from Burma.

Chungking Hopes

CHUNGKING, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—With Germany bogged in Russia, it is believed in many quarters that Britain and the United States may turn their full attention to the Far East.

These circles point to many indications that a show-down is being forced with Japan, such as the recent freezing of Japanese assets, the abrogation of commercial agreements, further American oil restrictions, the arrival of large British forces in Malaya and Burma, and the strengthening of American defences in the Philippines.

If this show-down should come, in the Pacific, competent Chinese observers predict that the outcome is likely to be determined within a year.

China Is Stronger

Meanwhile the Chinese military position has been greatly strengthened with the continued arrival of American and Soviet supplies. While official quarters decline to make any comment, it is learned in well-informed sources that not only American aircraft and volunteer pilots but also Soviet artillery, aircraft and volunteer pilots are arriving in China in large numbers.

Move Completed.

SAIGON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Completion of the landing and stationing in various sectors of Japanese reinforcements to French Indo-China according to the provisions of the Franco-Japanese agreement regarding the joint defence of the country was announced to-day by the headquarters of the Japanese forces.

Nazi Arrives In Hanoi

HANOI, Aug. 4 (UP).—Herr Ernest Neumann arrived here this afternoon by plane from Tokyo and is continuing on to Saigon to-morrow.

Herr Neumann, before the war, was the German Consul at Hanoi and was appointed representative on the Armistice Commission in Indo-China.

Poor Christopher Columbus!

ALBANY, (UP).—When Christopher Columbus a singing waiter was given draft order number 1402, his fame spread throughout the land. He received hundreds of letters and many invitations to speak at public gatherings. His odd luck has gained even international notice. He received a letter from an Englishwoman offering him a copy of an old poem written about the original Columbus soon after he discovered America.

Christopher, however, is not entirely happy. "I've had everything offered me but a job," he said.

Production For Defence In America

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (UP).—Defence officials have drafted plans for a future monthly production of 125,000,000 pounds of aluminum.

Production for April was nearly 50,000,000 pounds—double January production of 25,000,000 pounds—but announcement of President Roosevelt's heavy bomber programme will more than double and possibly triple that figure.

Emergency facilities now are being constructed for an anticipated production of 75,000,000 pounds a month by early 1942.

Aluminum production, which will total around 25,000,000 pounds this year, will be multiplied "several times" to provide supplies for the four-engined heavy bombers. Only two plants are in production at Michigan, Michigan, and Freeport, Texas, with another being constructed in California.

Total aluminum production during 1940 reached 412,560,000 pounds, but according to present plans production eventually will be 1,500,000,000 pounds annually.

In the opinion of defence leaders, problems growing out of the expanded aircraft production plan concern: 1. Adequate power facilities for the new aluminum plants; 2. A further cut in half to further the expanded plane programme.

Repatriating Americans From Japan

One Ship Possible

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (UP).—The Maritime Commission officials to-day stated that their emergency shipping division could arrange for a ship to repatriate Americans from Japan should the State Department deem it advisable.

In the meantime, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State said that he was studying the problem, and reminded the press conference that Americans a long time ago were advised to return from the Far East while transportation was available.

Tokyo Sails

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4 (UP).—The much delayed Japanese liner Tatuta Maru sailed at 10 a.m. to-day bearing 350 passengers, mostly Japanese nationals and no cargo. However, she carried 1,577 barrels of lubricating oil for which an export permit was granted by the Export Control Board at Washington.

Warning To Junks Carrying Gasoline

A warning that repetition of the offence would entail a severe penalty because of the danger to the public and other craft in the vicinity was issued by Mr. S. F. Balfour at the District Office, South, Court this morning when he imposed a fine of \$100 on "Leung Lai-mui, 39, junk mistress, who admitted a charge of mooring her junk, which contained gasoline, for a period exceeding 24 hours at a place other than dangerous goods anchorage."

Defendant, who was represented by Mr. Peter H. Sin, also admitted a charge of breach of the Defence Regulations by moving a quantity of gasoline on board her junk at Cheung Chau without a licence, and for this she was bound over in \$50 for one year. There was another charge of attempting to export 3,000 tins of gasoline without a licence from the Controller of Trade. Defendant pleaded not guilty to this and the plea was accepted by Inspector L. R. Whinn, who prosecuted.

Four other persons, charged with similar offences, were absent, it being stated by their representative that they could not come to the Colony yesterday because of the threatened typhoon. Their cases were adjourned to 10 a.m. to-morrow.

LATE NEWS

Nazi Offensive Held: Huge German Losses

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or are advancing but that they are never far from the back.

It is now claimed that the necessity of dealing with the Russian pockets, while slowing the German advance, has also given time for slower units to catch up.

Advantage of Lull

The military correspondent of the "Democrat" considers that the Germans have now completed their arrangements in the rear sectors for the relief of exhausted troops and for overhauling of hurried units and for overhauling of mechanical materiel and for bringing up fresh units ready to renew the offensive but despite attacks on their communications, the Russians have also certainly benefited by the pause.

The same newspaper's Berlin correspondent reports that the German troops are of inferior quality to those at first engaged.

Military experts expect that fresh large-scale attacks by the Germans will shortly be chiefly directed at Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev and Odessa.

Finnish Still Held

The Finns are still attempting to press through the isthmus connecting Ladoga and Onega which, if successful, would threaten to cut the Murmansk Line and also the Stalin Canal.

A Finnish advance here can bring pressure on Leningrad from the east but the intention of the Russians to hold Sordavalla is evidenced by the fact that they have not carried out the destruction of the town.

Activity at Hangoe is still only artillery.

Reports of constant arrivals of Russian troops from Estonia suggest that the Finns hope to starve out the garrison of Hangoe in a vain one.

Evacuation Story

ZURICH, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Asserting that evacuation from Moscow of men unfit for work, and mothers and children has begun, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" says that the Russians have profited by the experience of the French campaign and use strictly forbidden refugees to use railways and main roads in order not to impede military movements.

Northern Sector

VICHY, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Heavy fighting is continuing round Sordavalla, on the northern tip of Lake Ladoga, which the Russians continue to hold against all attacks, according to Helsinki reports received here to-day.

Soviet tanks are counter-attacking. The garrison of this strong point on the flank of the Finnish drives on both sides of Lake Ladoga is said to have been strongly reinforced.

Sordavalla is the centre of the great network of fortifications built by Russians in territory ceded by Finland last year. The broken nature of the terrain favours the defence, which is well-equipped with artillery.

U.S., Russia And England v. Axis

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stage. The drama is at its fifth act. Henceforth the alignment is complete. "On the Russian front, you will be fighting not only by the side of your German comrades, but also with the Finns, Magyars, Rumanians, Slovaks and volunteers from other nations. I am sure you will fight determinedly and strenuously. Remember that in battle he who hesitates is lost."

Gayda's Accusation

ROME, Aug. 4 (UP).—Writing editorially in the "Giornale d'Italia" to-day, Signor Gayda declared that President Roosevelt is provoking Japanese retaliation by sending oil to Russia while embargoing it to Japan.

"He cannot change with this or other half measures the fatal outcome for Russia. Rather, Roosevelt should count on Japan's natural reaction, especially regarding Russia, since the Soviets are at present lined up with Britain and the North American war mongers who are open enemies to the Japanese cause of expansion," Gayda stated.

Harrison Forman's Broadcast from H.K.

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ment evacuated about ninety-percent of the European women and children from Hongkong, most of whom were sent all the way to Australia—about as far from Hongkong as San Francisco.

The Powers-That-Be in Hongkong, however, are no ostriches. There is clear evidence on every hand that they mean business—that they mean to defend this place from attack. And it'll not be merely a token defense, either. For Hongkong fairly bristles with big guns, anti-aircraft, powerful searchlights, barbed wire and camouflage. And plenty of troops too. The harbour is well mined, and a constant air and sea patrol is maintained for many miles out to sea.

Though there is no naval or air force here to speak of, the Japanese can never be too sure but what the British air force, or even a fleet, would not suddenly make their appearance. Unquestionably, an attack on Britain out here would result in an immediate British military alliance with China—with cooperative action.

Meanwhile, for the immediate protection of Hongkong's million and a half civilians from an air blitz, the hills upon which the city is built have been literally honeycombed with an elaborate system of tunnels drilled deep into the solid rock, with entrances opening right off the streets. Drilled under the direction of a firm of American mining engineers, these tunnel-shelters vary in capacity from a thousand to one accommodating over thirty thousand people.

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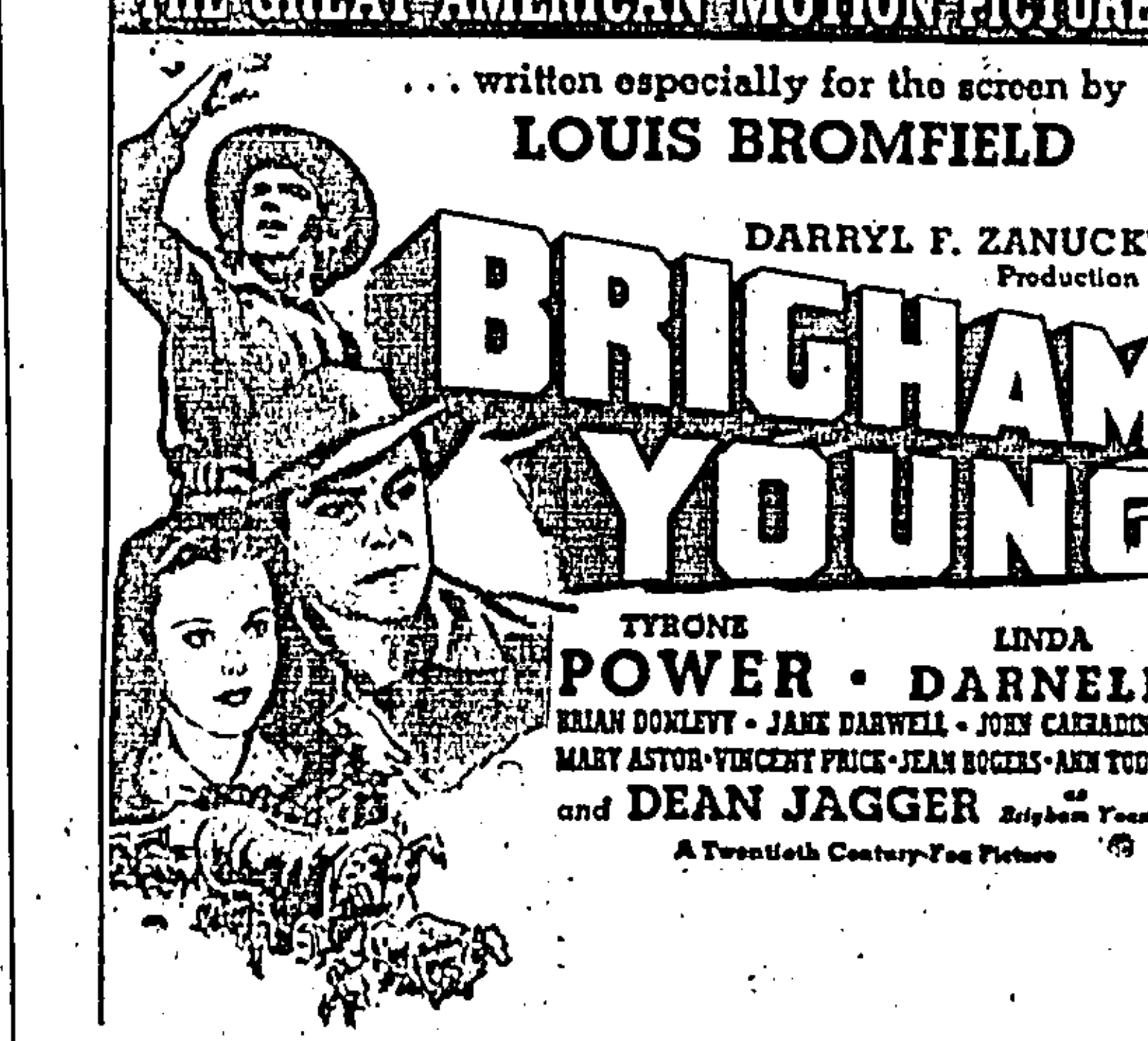
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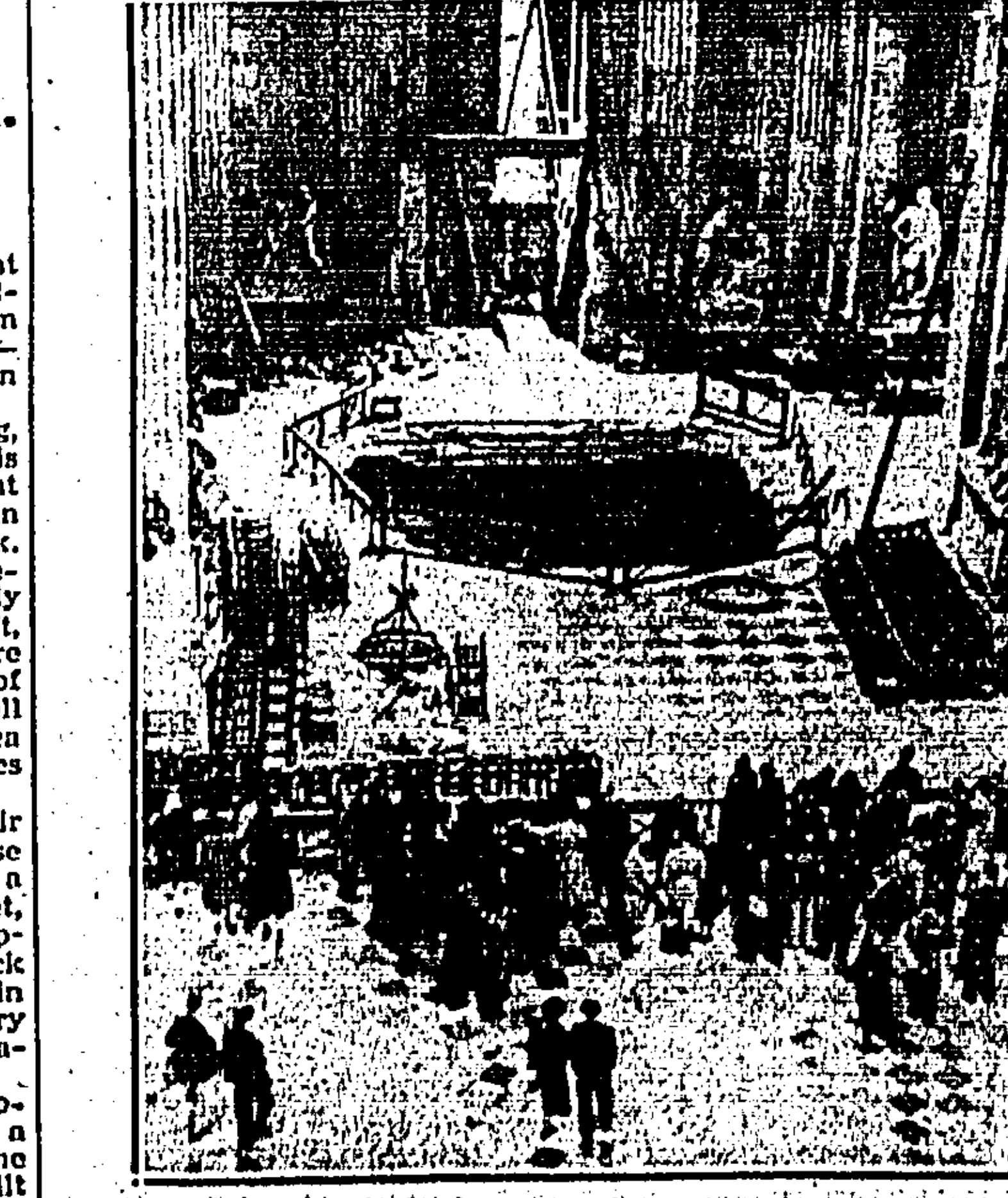
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- The right to publish any or all of the entries is reserved to the Hongkong Telegraph.
- All photographs entered must have been taken in the Colony of Hongkong. Photographs which have been already entered in other Competitions are ineligible.
- No responsibility will be accepted for non-delivery of loss of, or damage to, entries.
- All entries to be either black and white, or tinted pictures, and must be mounted. Coloured photographs are ineligible.
- Pictures submitted in sepia tones should be accompanied by a smaller print in black and white.
- No picture is to be entered in more than one Section.
- Mounts to be only white or cream, must be of one of the following sizes:—10x12, 10x20.
- No correspondence will be entered into in connection with the Competition.
- Members of the Staff of the Hongkong Telegraph and the South China Morning Post are not permitted to compete.
- The decision of the Judges shall be final.
- At the conclusion of the Competition, entries will be returned to competitors on application at the Telegraph offices within seven days.
- The use of aliases is strictly forbidden.

ENTRY FORM

NAME.....
SECTION.....
ADDRESS.....

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Interim Dividend of \$-60 per share has been declared in respect of the half year ended 30th June, 1941, on 900,000 OLD SHARES and will be payable on and after Thursday, 11th September, 1941. Dividend Warrants may be obtained on application at the Company's Registered Office, P. & O. Building.

THE REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER to THURSDAY, 11TH SEPTEMBER, 1941. (Both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
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Hongkong, 5th August, 1941.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued from the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS
H.K. Bank \$.....x.d. 1,315 n.
H.K. Bank \$.....x.d. 72 n.
H.K. Bank (H.K.) \$.....x.d. 75 n.
Chartered Bank \$.....x.d. 87 1/2 n.
Merrill & C. \$.....x.d. 114 1/2 n.
East Asia \$.....x.d. 75 n.

INSURANCE
Canton \$.....x.d. 225 n.
Union Ins. \$.....x.d. 405 n.
China Underwriters \$.....x.d. 1 n.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$.....x.d. 185 n.

SHIPPING
Douglas \$.....x.d. 120 n.
Siam \$.....x.d. 81 1/2 n.
Indo-China \$.....x.d. 90 n.
Indo-China D. \$.....x.d. 70 n.
Shell (Bearers) \$.....x.d. 40/45 n.
Waterboats \$.....x.d. 655 n.

DOCKS ETC.
Wharves \$.....x.d. 91 n.
Docks \$.....x.d. 1570 n.
Providents \$.....x.d. 57 1/2 n.
Shai Dockyards \$.....x.d. 20 1/2 n.

MINING
Kailan \$.....x.d. 13/6 n.
Rauha \$.....x.d. 8 n.
H.K. Mines \$.....x.d. 2 cts n.

LANDS
H.K. Lands \$.....x.d. 320 b & sa.
Lands \$.....x.d. 34,000 n.
Lands 4 1/2 Debenures \$.....x.d. 97 1/2 n.
S'hai Lands \$.....x.d. 17,400 n.
Humphreys \$.....x.d. 7 n.
H.K. Realities \$.....x.d. 330 n.
Chinese Estates \$.....x.d. 101 b.

UTILITIES
Trams \$.....x.d. 10,600 n.
Peak Trams (old) \$.....x.d. 7 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$.....x.d. 374 n.
Star Ferries \$.....x.d. 53 1/2 n.
Electric \$.....x.d. 21 n.
China Lights (old) \$.....x.d. 610 n.
China Lights (new) \$.....x.d. 130 n.
H.K. Electric (old) \$.....x.d. 22 1/2 n.
H.K. Electric (new) \$.....x.d. 21 n.
H.K. Electric Rts \$.....x.d. 10,000 n.
Macao Electric Rts \$.....x.d. 12,124 n.
Sandalan Lights \$.....x.d. 23 n.
Telephones (old) \$.....x.d. 874 n.
Telephones (new) \$.....x.d. 874 n.

INDUSTRIALS
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) \$.....x.d. 30 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) \$.....x.d. 25 n.
Canton Ice \$.....x.d. 1 n.
Cements \$.....x.d. 14 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes \$.....x.d. 8.00 n.

STORES, &c.
Dairy Farms \$.....x.d. 10,15 n.
Watsons \$.....x.d. 10,74 n.
Lane Crawford \$.....x.d. 6,40 n.
Sincors \$.....x.d. 21 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$.....x.d. 30 n.
Wm. Powell, Ltd. \$.....x.d. 11 1/2 n.

COTTON MILLS
Ewo Sh. \$.....x.d. 30 1/2 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$.....x.d. 305 n.

MISC.
H.K. Govt 4 1/2 \$.....x.d. 85 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt 5 1/2 \$.....x.d. 85 1/2 n.
H.K. Govt 6 1/2 \$.....x.d. 85 1/2 n.
Ch. Govt 5 1/2 \$.....x.d. 85 1/2 n.
Entertainments \$.....x.d. 674 n.
Constructions (old) \$.....x.d. 1,600 n.
Constructions (new) \$.....x.d. 80 cts n.
Vibro Piling \$.....x.d. 720 n.
Mansmann Inv. (Lon.) \$.....x.d. 5/7 1/2 n.
Mansmann Inv. (H.K.) \$.....x.d. 1/7 1/2 n.

Donations To Bomber Fund

The thirteenth contribution to the Bomber Fund from the Supreme Court "Bowl" has been received. The total yesterday up to \$244,304.05. The following is the complete list:

Davis-Snooker Prizes for 1939—Dr. G. Ingram Shaw \$20
Post Office Employees (sixth donation) \$20
Another Bet Gone Wrong \$20
Supreme Court Bowl (thirteenth donation) \$20
Indo-China Trading Co. \$20
The following monthly donations to the Bomber Fund are also acknowledged:
Mr. Surin Singh \$5
Mrs. D. G. Frost \$10
Miss K. R. Anderson \$10
Mr. C. B. Berglof \$20
Miss E. M. R. Duckland \$10
Mr. Donald Black \$20
Miss N. Stone \$20
An Infant Missionary \$10
Mr. W. W. Waindane \$20
Mr. S. Duncan \$20
Mr. and Mrs. D. Needham \$20

The Salvation Army Headquarters gratefully acknowledge receipt of "Bowl of Rice" Campaign tickets from the following:

Mrs. Violet Chan, General Post Office, Mrs. K. W. Wong, Dr. K. W. Chan, Mr. K. W. Wong, Mr. S. Wong, Mr. F. K. Kwok, and numerous anonymous.

Anglo-Spanish Courtesies

MADRID, Aug. 4 (Reuters).—General Lord Gort, Governor of Gibraltar, to-day paid a courtesy visit to General Barron at Algeciras. General Barron was recently appointed to command the area contiguous to Gibraltar.

Europeans Robbed

Two Chinese Charge

LI Ping, 30, unemployed, appeared before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy this morning charged on two counts of burglary. Li was charged with committing an act of burglary at No. 37, Repulse Bay Road, the residence of the Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields on July 19, and at No. 12, South Bay Road, the residence of Mr. R. D. Gillespie, on July 20. Yeung Man-keung, unemployed, was charged with receiving articles valued at \$1,050 knowing them to have been stolen from No. 37, Repulse Bay Road.

Tam Mui, 52, widow, was charged with receiving articles valued at \$1,048 knowing them to have been stolen from No. 12, South Bay Road. Defendants were remanded for 48 hours at the request of Det.-Sgt. J. Bentley.

Human Hair Like Giant Redwood

CHICAGO, Illinois, Aug. 3 (UP).—A new super-microscope whose magnifying power should show a human hair the size of a giant redwood tree was described recently by Dr. V. K. Zworykin, associate research director for the Radio Corporation of America.

He told a meeting of scientists, physicians and businessmen the device would magnify 100,000 times and permit observation of an object less than one seven-millionth of an inch in diameter—50 times smaller than those visible under the best ordinary microscopes.

Zworykin said the microscope already had been used for industrial research under the defence programme and predicted it would be a valuable weapon in the fight against disease. He said it used electron beams instead of light beams to form images.

Magnification equivalent to that of the super-microscope would make a human hair appear to size of a California redwood tree, it was said, and a baseball would seem to be four and one-half miles in diameter.

CALAIS BOMBED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, Aug. 4 (UP).—The Air Ministry announced that last night, despite unfavourable weather, aircraft of the Royal Command attacked industries and communications at Hanover and Frankfurt on Main. Calais was also bombed.

Boy Gets Own Back On Bully

Tan Hin-wing, 22, unemployed, was sentenced to three months hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Central Magistracy, this morning when he pleaded guilty to a charge of demanding 40 cents with menaces from Chau Shiu-ming, a 13-year-old boy.

Det.-Sgt. V. M. Morrison stated that the boy was walking along Fleming Road, near the Oriental Theatre, when Defendant approached him and demanded that he take out what money he had in his pocket or he would "strike him to death." The boy became frightened and handed 40 cents to Defendant who then walked in the direction of Tai Yuen Street. The boy followed Defendant and then made a report to a Chinese Police Sergeant who arrested Defendant.

Poor Christopher Columbus!

ALBANY, (UP).—When Christopher Columbus a singing waiter was given draft order number 1992, his fame spread throughout the land.

He received hundreds of letters and many invitations to speak at public gatherings. His odd luck has gained even international notice. He received a letter from an Englishwoman offering him a copy of an old poem written about the original Columbus soon after he discovered America.

Christopher, however, is not entirely happy. "I've had everything offered me but a job," he said.

NEW TREATMENT FOR BURNS

Shillington, Delaware, Aug. 3 (UP).—Discovery of a new treatment for severe burns has been announced by authorities at the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. The treatment uses a combination of sulfadiazine in spray form. Reports from the hospital show that it has produced remarkable results in its early test cases.

GRAINS NOT FOR WINE-MAKING

Kweilchow Provincial Government has joined other provincial authorities in banning the use of grains for making wines, as part of the drive for conserving foodstuffs. The Kweilchow ban went into effect on July 1.

GOLDFISH'S SIGHT

Troy, N. Y., Aug. 3 (UP).—Goldfish with the largest eyes have the widest sight. That is the finding of Gardiner Bennett, of Green Island, a senior biology student at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute who is patiently weighing goldfish eyes, measuring their retinas and counting their nerve fibres.

Fraudulent Conversion Detected

Prison For Man Who Earned \$12 A Month

For the fraudulent conversion of \$15,000 entrusted to him to pay into the To Hang Bank, No. 11 Bonham Strand, East, on July 31, Lee Wing-pun, 21, delivery agent, of Calcutta, was sentenced to six months hard labour by Mr. G. T. Yeung Man-keung, unemployed, this morning. The Yick-tong, Manager of the Kam Sing Import and export firm, of No. 57 Wing Lok Street, was Complainant.

It was stated that Defendant had been employed by Complainant for one year at a salary of \$12 per month. On July 31 Defendant was sent by Complainant to put a certain sum of money in Chinese currency in the firm's account in the To Hang Bank. Defendant had the money changed into Hongkong currency and sent it to the Police station on information. The Police station on information, 2, the Police station in the Kwong Tai Loy boarding house, of Connaught Road, Central. A search in Defendant's suitcase revealed \$15,000. Defendant had \$453 on his person besides a passage ticket to Singapore worth \$200.

Pleading guilty, Defendant said that he intended to go to Singapore to do some business.

Det.-Sgt. White prosecuted.

Bus Crashes Into House

Runs Over Inmate

A serious traffic accident occurred at Shamshuipo about 2 p.m. yesterday when a bus after colliding with a lorry, crashed into a house and injured a woman.

According to a report made by Leung Kam-sing, bus driver, he was driving a bus along Yee Chai Street, Kowloon, when a lorry suddenly came out from a side street. He attempted to avoid colliding with the lorry but it was too late. After colliding with the lorry the bus lost control and crashed into No. 130 Fuk Wing Street. Two women in the house and a child were injured.

The bus was run over by the lorry and received injuries to the legs. She was taken to Kowloon Hospital where her condition was described as serious.

New Territories Bus Service

Fine On Company

The manager of the Kowloon Motor Bus Company was summoned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at Kowloon Magistracy this morning for failing to maintain the bus service according to scheduled time.

Sub-Inspector J. Scrim stated that he was informed by a European that the bus service from Jordan Road to New Territories was not maintained according to schedule from 9.32 to 10.07 a.m. on July 12. According to schedule there would be a bus every 12 minutes.

Mr. E. S. C. Brooks, pleading guilty on behalf of Defendant, said that it was a technical offence. On the day in question one of the buses which was scheduled to run at 9.30 a.m. was delayed on July 12. Owing to a breakdown the next bus was delayed, but eventually a bus went at 10.07 a.m. He added that the Company had barely sufficient buses for that line.

Defendant was fined \$50.

New York Police Study Defence

NEW YORK, Aug. 3 (UP).—Police Commissioner Louis J. Valentine announced that the city's 18,000 policemen will be given a course of study concerning problems of defence of the metropolitan area—including air raids, blackouts and sabotage.

A series of six lectures, including data obtained by New York police observers in London, will be held for civilian and uniformed members of the department to attend.

Among subjects to be discussed are "the functions and duties of the police during an actual air raid," and "the problems involved in blackouts and the difficulty of obtaining swift and complete control of the city's lighting system."

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9.0 Indian Programme.
9.45 Closing Local Stock Quotations.
9.47 A Military Band Concert and Dennis Noble (Baritone)—Zampa—Overture (Herold, arr. Godfrey). The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards; The Empire Is Marching (Clifford Grey and Dudley Glass). Dennis Noble and Male Chorus with The Band of H. M. Coldstream Guards; Le Reve Passe (Krier and Helmer) Officer of the Day (Hall). Massed Bands of the Northern Command, Son O' Mine, The Rebel (Both from "Frederator Songs"—W. Wallace), Dennis Noble with Piano; The Grenadiers Waltz, Acclamations Waltz (Waldteufel), Regimental Band of H. M. Grenadier Guards.
10.15 Songs: Welsh Songs—Dear Wales, The Village Spring (Arr. T. Osbourne Roberts), Lella Megane (Contralto) with piano; March of the Men of Harlech (Welsh Air), All Through The Night, Royal Mountain Ash Male Choir.
10.30 Portuguese Programme.
10.45 London—The News.
10.55 London—War Commentary.
11.00 London—Listening Post—Examination of Points in Daily German Propaganda.
11.30 Programme Summary.
11.32 A Light Classical Programme.
—Evansong (Easthope Martin), The New Symphony Orchestra, Sober (Ireland), Stuart Robertson (Bass) with piano; Hungarian Rhapsody No. 12 (Liszt), Mischka Levitzki (Piano); Valse Triste (Sibelius), Chicago Symphony Orchestra; Wine, Women And Song (Strauss), Mavis Bennett (Soprano) with Orchestra; Serenade (Moszkowski), Carroll Gibbons and the Savoy Hotel Orchestra.
11.45 Local Time Signal and Announcements.
12.00 Studio—Recital by Gaston D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neill Shaw at the Piano.
12.30 Liszt—Les Preludes—Symphonie Poeme—The London Symphony Orchestra cond. by Albert Coates.
1.05-10.05 News in French (On Short Wave only).
1.45 Violin Solos by Albert Sandler with Piano and Cello and Temirkan with Piano.
1.55 Local Time Signal and Announcements.

12.00 London—The News and News Commentary.
12.15 An Hour of Variety and Dance Music by "Hutch" (L. A. Hutchinson), Billy Cotton and His Band, Beryl Davis with Instrumental accom. Ambrose and His Orchestra, Cyril Norman with Herman Darevsky and His Band, Swing and Sway with Sonora Kay, Elizabeth Welch with orchestra. The Organ, The Dance Band and Me, Bing Crosby with orchestra, Gerald and The Savoy Hotel Orchestra.
11.55 Close Down.

Current Week

In addition to the usual news commentaries the following relays will be taken by ZBW from London this week. At 8.30 p.m. to-morrow, there is a quiz show written by Ted Kavanagh and entitled "It's That Sand Again (ITSA)" with Tommy Handley and "Puff", and from 11-11.15 p.m. that night a further discussion in the series "British To-day." Another talk by a well-known war correspondent will be given at 11 p.m. on Thursday. On Friday night there are two London relays, the first at 9.30 p.m. being a Radio Dramatisation of the achievements of the R.A.F.

Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd. Interim Dividend

Messrs. Gibb, Livingston & Co., Ltd., Agents of The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., inform us that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors held this morning an Interim Dividend of 60 cents per share was declared in respect of the half year ended June 30, 1941, on 900,000 old shares. This dividend will be payable on and after Thursday, September 11, 1941, to those shareholders whose names appear in the Register of Members at the close of business on Saturday, August 30, 1941.

Maizee's Ltd. Alexandra Building

Wish to announce that owing to shop and showroom alterations their premises will be closed for business from Wednesday, August 6 to Monday, August 11.

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W. H. EVANS THOMAS, Manager.

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

The following rates will be charged for mailing single copies of the following newspapers abroad:—

South China Morning Post
China and Macao
16 cents per copy

British Empire and Foreign
25 cents per copy

The Hongkong Telegraph
China and Macao
10 cents per copy
British and Foreign
20 cents per copy
25 cents Saturdays.

POST OFFICE

Air Mail to Rangoon to connect with the British Overseas Airways Service will until further notice be closed on Mondays and Fridays. Correspondence for despatch by this route must be superscribed by "C.N.A.C."

The Public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

The Printed Matter Service to the following places in China is temporarily suspended:—Yunnan, Szechuan, Kweichow, Hunan, Fukien except Amoy and Kulangsu, Swatow, North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries suspended.

INWARD AIR MAILS

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 6th August, Aug. 12.

Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 19th August, Aug. 20.

OUTWARD AIR MAILS

Friday, Aug. 8
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".

K.P.O. & G.P.O.
Reg. Aug. 8, 4 p.m.
Ord. Aug. 8, 4.30 p.m.
Monday, Aug. 11

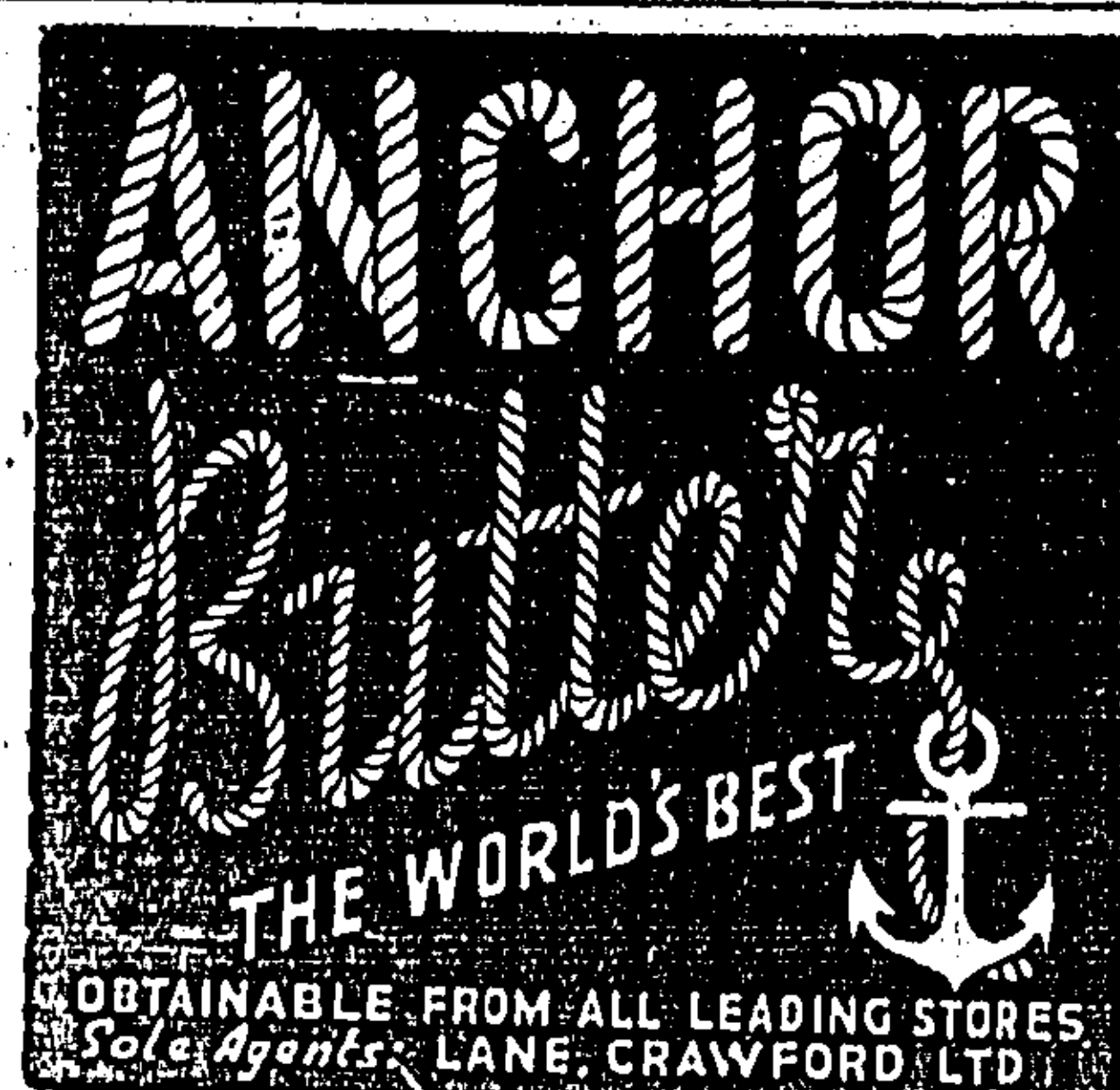
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".

K.P.O. & G.P.O.
Reg. Aug. 11, 4 p.m.
Ord. Aug. 11, 4.30 p.m.
Tuesday, August 12

Air Mail for Manila, Guam

DONALD DUCK

By Walt Disney



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How to Play AND How to Win

By JOSEPHINE GULBERTSON

"Courtesy" Raise

The single raise of partner's suit is more of a courtesy response than the announcement of real strength, yet there are distinct limits beyond which even this sort of courtesy should not be extended. The new Culbertson System, in keeping with its determined policy of reducing hopeless and especially dangerous contracts, has slightly raised all requirements for holding open the original bid, whether with a single raise, a negative notrump, or even a suit response. We have established the following minimums for single raises: With four of partner's suit, a single raise requires one honour-trick in the hand as a whole. With the minimum in adequate trump support (J 10 x, or Q x x) one-plus honour-trick is required for a single raise. For example, South having bid one heart and the next opponent having passed, North is justified in raising to two hearts with:

♠ 6 7 5 3 2 ♠ K 6 4 ♠ 7 5 4 3 or
♠ K 4 ♠ J 10 2 ♠ K J 6 3 ♠ 7 5 4 2

In the first hand, the singleton spade, it must be remembered, provides one plus-value and the K-J of diamonds, 1½-plus, making up the necessary total of one honour-trick with four trumps. In the second hand there is adequate trump support and one-plus honour-trick.

The logic of holding to these minimums is well exemplified in the following deal:

South dealer.

Neither side vulnerable.

♠ 9 8
♥ 9 8 5 3
♦ K J 8 2
♣ 9 8 2

♠ K 10 5 4
♥ J 7
♦ A 9 3
♣ K 10 5 4

♠ Q J 7 3
♥ 10 4
♦ Q 7 6 4
♣ K J 7

♠ A 8 3
♥ A K Q 8 2
♦ A 10 5
♣ A 8 6

To-morrow's Hand

Match-point duplicate.
North-South vulnerable.
South dealer.

♠ K Q 6 4
♥ 9 7 5 3 2
♦ K 10 2
♣ 6 4 3 2

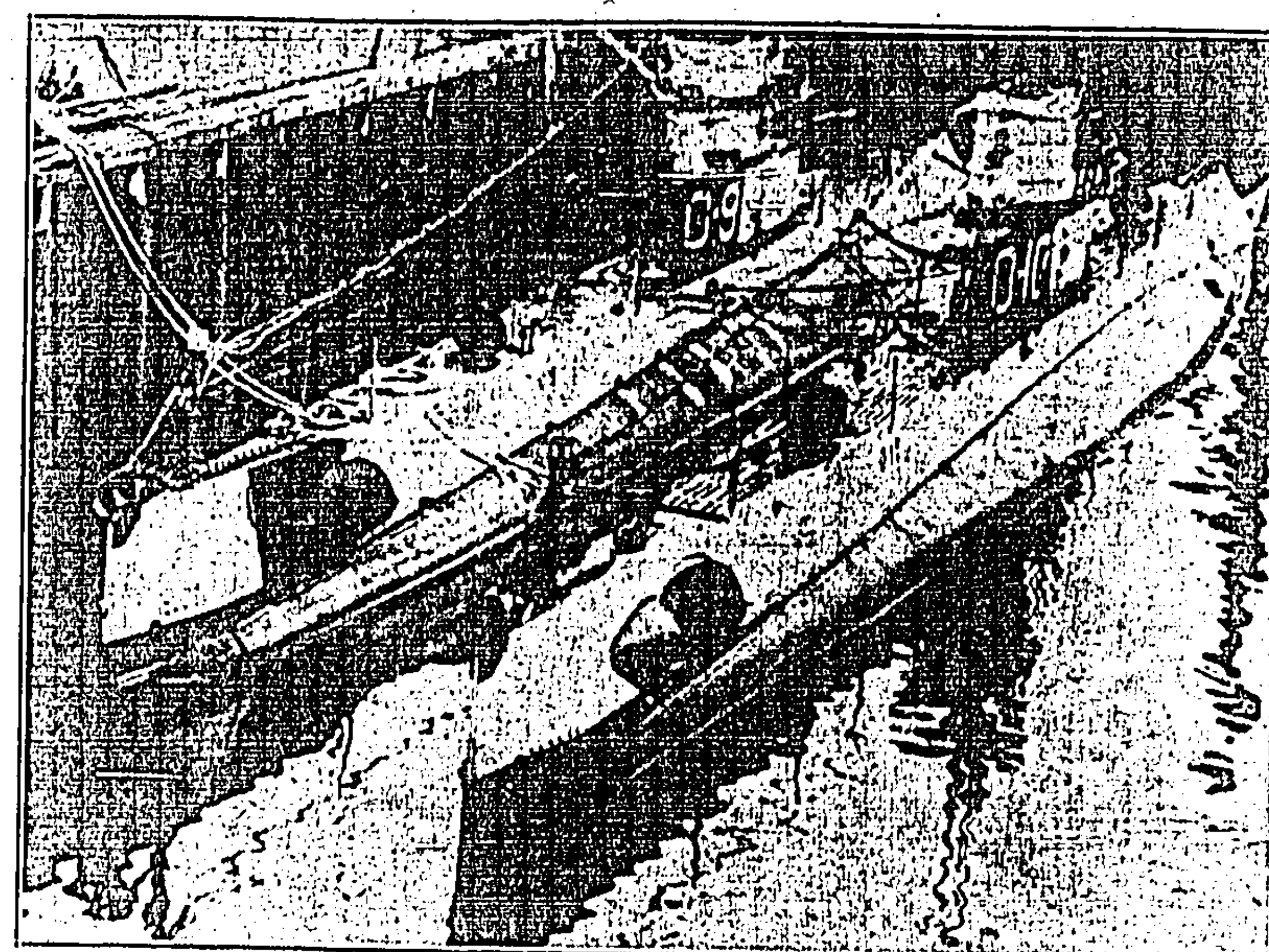
♠ 9 8 7 3 2
♥ J 8 2
♦ A 9 8
♣ A 9 8

♠ K 10 6 4
♥ 7 3
♦ Q 10
♣ K Q J 10 6

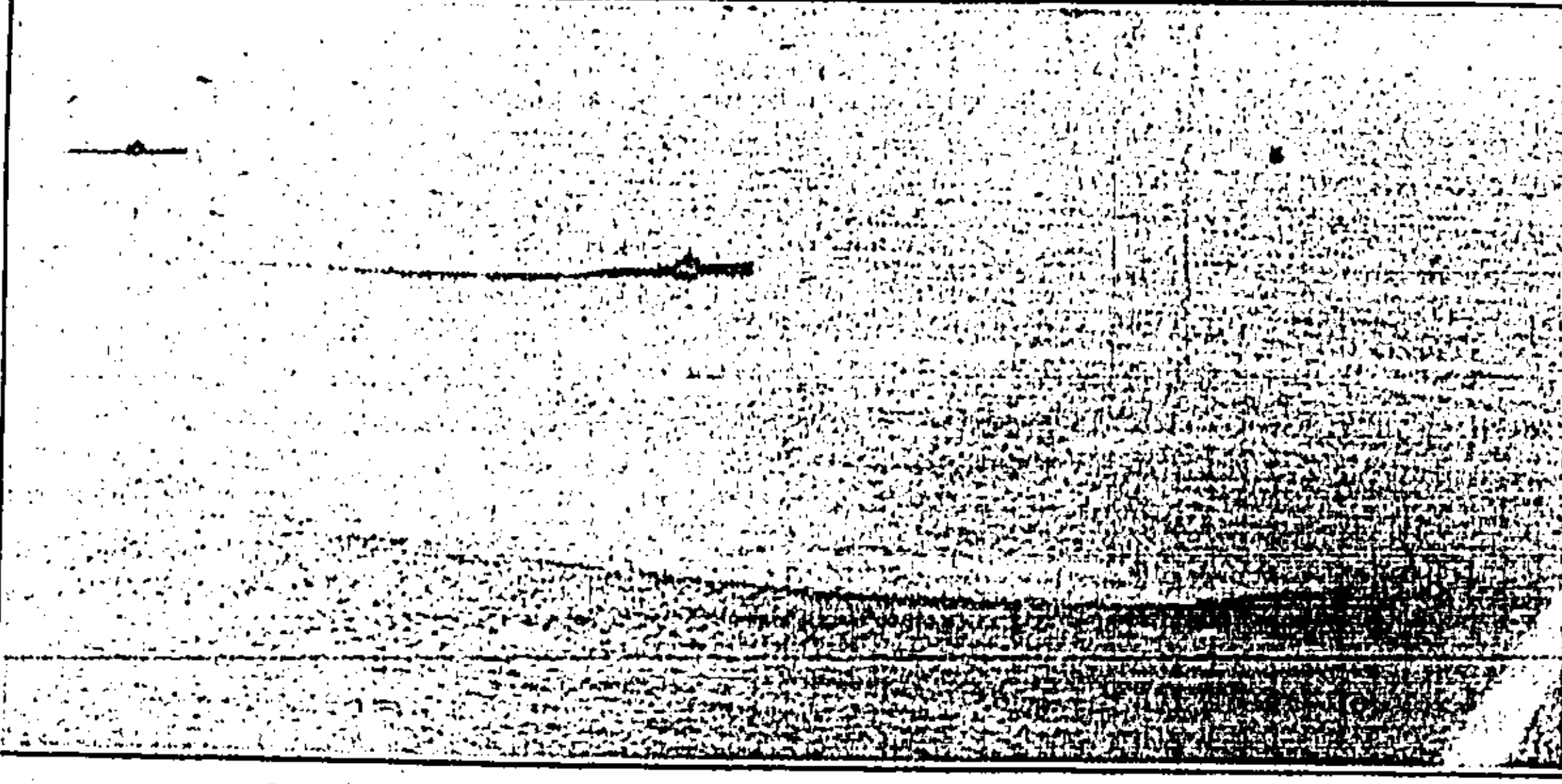
♠ A Q J 5
♥ A 10 5
♦ A K J 6 4
♣ 7

How should this hand be bid?

FAILED TO RETURN TO SURFACE AFTER DIVE



The ill-fated U.S. submarine O-9, which sank 24 miles off Portsmouth, New Hampshire, in 1916, is shown above moored at the dock in Charlestown, Mass., Navy Yard, alongside her sister ship. Below is an air view of submarines combing the waters in an effort to locate the lost craft. The plane from which the picture was taken was also engaged in the search. The tremendous pressure probably crushed the submarine like an eggshell.



New Zealand Airman Wins Victoria Cross

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The Victoria Cross has been conferred on Sergeant James Allen Ward, of the local New Zealand Air Force No. 75 Squadron, in recognition of "most conspicuous bravery."

On the night of July 7, Ward was second pilot of a Wellington bomber returning from an attack on Munster. When flying over the Zuider Zee, the aircraft was attacked from beneath by a Messerschmitt. Fire broke out near the starboard engine, and, fed by petrol from a split pipe, quickly gained an alarming hold, and threatened to spread to the entire wing.

The crew made a hole in the fuselage and made strenuous efforts to reduce the fire with extinguishers and even coffee from their vacuum flasks without success.

As a last resort, Ward volunteered to make an attempt to smother the fire with an engine cover.

Made Holds

With the help of the navigator, he climbed through the narrow hatch. Breaking the fabric to make hand and foot holds where necessary, and also taking advantage of the existing holes in the fabric, Ward succeeded in descending to the wing, and proceeding to a position behind the engine, despite the slipstream from the aircrew which nearly blew him off the wing.

Lying in this precarious position he smothered the fire in the wing fabric. Tired as he was, he was able, with the navigator's assistance, to make successfully the perilous journey back into the aircraft.

There was no danger of the fire spreading from the petrol pipe as there was no fabric left nearby, and in due course it burned itself out.

When the aircraft reached home a safe landing was made despite the damage sustained by the aircraft.

Exciting Four Months

Although Ward had been in Britain only four months, he had taken part in nearly a dozen raids. Since joining his present squadron, Ward, to use his own words, has done "two Kiels, one Dusseldorf, one Cologne, one Munster and one Mannerheim."

Before joining the R.A.F. in July last year, he was a schoolmaster and was Empire training scheme.

This is the seventh Victoria Cross of the war to go to British airmen and the first to be gained by a New Zealander.

Roosevelt At Sea

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW LONDON, Conn. Aug. 4 (U.P.).—President Roosevelt left here this morning for the seas off the Southern New England coast on a vacation cruise aboard the Presidential Yacht Potomac.

The President may meet Admiral Ernest King, Commander-in-Chief of the Atlantic Fleet at sea for a conference regarding the Atlantic patrol. His movements are being kept secret.



WAR OF NERVES

"There goes the warbling note, Sir. Will you wear the grey pin-stripe or the brown tweed?"

"What—what—?"

"The warbling note, Sir. I gather, Sir, that there is hostile aircraft in the vicinity."

"Tell it to go away. Tell it I'm busy with a Blitzkrieg over Kiev."

"Very good, Sir. I take it you are feeling the effects of—er—the little celebration last night?"

"Hawkins. If the R.A.F. could only drop hangovers like mine behind the enemy lines the war would be over before you could say Messerschmitt."

"No doubt, Sir. But on the other hand, the enemy would probably discover Rose's Lime Juice, Sir. Ahem—as I have mentioned before, Sir—the restoration of the metabolic balance by Rose's Lime Juice."

"Don't stand there mumbly, man—get some Rose's—at once. Oh! there goes that awful din again."

"That, Sir, is the sustained note or All Clear. There is a bottle of Rose's at your elbow, Sir."

ROSE'S—THE WISE MAN'S NIGHTCAP

Crossword Puzzle

By LARS MORRIS

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1—Carry gently
2—Nation
3—Frederick
4—European barbarian
5—One who heaps
6—Want
7—City in Nevada
8—Circus ring
9—Irishman
10—Make ready
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RUSSIA'S FIGHT

THE semi-scepticism with which the earlier Russian claims of successes against the so-called invincible Nazi war machine were received in the sympathetic democratic countries, is now rapidly giving way to unqualified appreciation of the magnificent showing which the Soviets are making on the 2,000-mile war front. The original suspicions as to the extent of the achievements of the Russian army and air force were governed very largely by two considerations; firstly, that it was generally believed outside of Russia that Stalin's fighting forces lacked first class equipment and real leadership; secondly, Russia, like Germany, had long practised skilful propaganda which, it was feared, might be misused in the form of exaggerated claims as is the case with Germany.

Happily both these conceptions proved to be entirely unfounded. Russia has demonstrated to the world that she possesses both splendid equipment and imaginative and highly competent military leaders, while the Moscow propaganda department has been so careful in wording its communiques that subsequent events have more than once shown that Russian successes have been understated. These are factors which breed confidence not only in Russia itself, but among her allies and sympathetic neutrals. The most gratifying feature of the Russo-German war is that Russia is the first nation in the present European conflict to have withstood a Nazi invasion longer than 39 days without suing for an armistice; more than that, she has secured the initiative on several occasions, notably in the extreme north and in the central region. It is the Nazis in these areas who now face the prospect of a terrifying blitz.

By and large, the situation on the eastern front is consoling and encouraging. Doubts have given way to confidence, and there is a growing conviction that Hitler's committed the supreme blunder which is to prove his ultimate downfall. This is not to suggest that the Germans are already a beaten army in Russia; fortunes in modern warfare can swing very rapidly and Hitler is not likely to withdraw from this eastern adventure without resort to every type of strategy known to his military chiefs; but he does face the prospect of falling morale among his forces while the Russians, encouraged by their fine showing to date, are growing more determined and more confident in their resistance. These can be all decisive influences in a conflict where men and materials are quantitatively equal.

The Strange Case of HESS'S PROPHET

By Elizabeth Castonier

In April, 1933, the famous clairvoyant Jan Erik Hanussen, a Polish Jew with an unpronounceable name, disappeared from his Berlin flat. The Nazis had just obtained power, and his disappearance was only mentioned casually in the Press—after all, he was a Jew.

But Hanussen had played a very important role in the Nazi Party's development. He had been poor a few years previously. But by performances in variety theatres all over Central Europe he had made a fortune. He lived in a luxury flat in Berlin's Mayfair and everybody who was anybody consulted him: businessmen, millionaires, aristocrats—and they had to pay heavily.

He foresaw the Nazi danger long before it actually came. And he tried to remain in constant touch with more or less important party members in order to become a "Schutzjude" (Jew protected by the Nazis). Among his constant customers were many who were killed in the great purge of June, 1934: Heines, Brueckner, Count Hellsdorf.

Rudolf Hess came for advice to Hanussen. It was a well-known fact that Hess was a highly strung, superstitious youngster who believed in the "Kurfuscher" (those who diagnose diseases by looking into the patient's eyes, touching his hand to establish contact, and prescribing harmless herbs and dried grass at exorbitant prices).

Hanussen had predicted Hitler's future and given him advice many times. But only before Hitler came into power. Afterwards Hanussen was just a Jew, but dangerous because he knew too much of the private lives of leading Nazis. Many of them felt very uneasy about this man who knew that the "inner circle" surrounding Adolf Hitler was rotten and consisted of sadists, masochists and perverts of different grades. He gave large sums to the party. He financed Count Hellsdorf, who was constantly in debt and being blackmailed because of his abnormal inclinations.

Shortly before taking over the command in Germany, Hitler had a detailed horoscope made by Hanussen.

Hanussen made two of them, an official one and one for his files. The one handed over to Hitler predicted victories, successes and immortality. The other foresaw Hitler's death. He was to be shot by one of his

glamour boys, the one he loved best.

This private prophecy disappeared from his files and Hanussen was taken from his flat by two S.S. men.

After a while, rumours began to spread that Hanussen had been murdered. Hess gave an order that Hanussen must be found, dead or alive, at any cost.

And the body was found in a wood near Berlin, with bullets in his back.

A humble shoemaker in Berlin's suburb immediately made a statement that he had seen a man, hands tied behind his back, looking like Hanussen, being pushed past his house into the wood. He heard shots, looked out and could just see the two Nazis in uniform putting back their revolvers and dragging the corpse away. This shoemaker never returned to his home.

But it was an almost official secret in Berlin that Hanussen had been shot because Hitler had suspected Hess to be the man who might kill him some day.

Japan Lacks Air Power To Dominate Far East

By HENRY WOOD

United Press Staff Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4 (UP).—The entire balance of power in the Far East may have been changed by the apparent certainty that aerial rather than naval or military strength will be the decisive factor in the present war, according to the Institute of Pacific Relations.

A complete survey of Japanese aviation just completed by the Institute reveals that whereas Japan has always counted in the past on her Navy to maintain her supremacy in Far Eastern waters, the sudden shift to aviation as the dominating factor in modern warfare has caught her quite unprepared.

Her Navy, operating by necessity in the limited South China Sea, is already within effective striking distance of aerial bases at Hongkong, Netherlands India,

the Philippines, China and even the Aleutian Islands.

The survey points out that as evidence that Britain is fully aware of the manner in which aviation has changed the whole balance of power in the Far East a British Air Marshal is now Commander-in-chief of the British Far East Forces.

British spokesmen have already claimed air superiority in the South China Sea and the Japanese have not contested it," the survey states.

Fought On Paper

"The great battle of aeroplanes versus warships has already been fought on paper at the desks of all military staffs in the Far East," the survey states. "This theoretical battle takes place in the South China Sea. Its object on water is the Japanese Navy. The planes are fighters and bombers, and the Japanese have not contested it," the survey states.

The Institute finds that Japan has at the present time—according to the claims of the Navy—some 4,000 warplanes, and an annual output of about 3,000, evenly divided between the Army and the Navy.

"The same source, however, the Institute states, 'disclosed that about 60 per cent. of Japan's naval warplanes are obsolete and possibly a danger to their pilots' lives rather than to the enemy.'

Against this number, the Institute finds, have already 2,000 planes in the Far East at their disposal.

"This would be more by one-third than the modern planes of the Japanese naval force. Virtually all of this concentration of western aerial power is shore-based, which means an advantage additional to its quantitative superiority. In addition, the basis of the bulk of the Japanese planes would still be in the homeland more than 3,000 miles away and it is extremely unlikely that the Japanese would be willing to deprive the homeland of all protection by naval planes."

Cannot Build

Besides her present aerial inferiority, precisely at the moment when aviation is taking visual shape in the ascendancy in modern warfare, the survey reveals that for integrated whole—China, the basic reasons that cannot be changed, Japan has little opportunity of ever building up a present demands for aviation if she is to maintain her supremacy by force in the Far East.

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R.A.F. PEPPERS MED. COAST

Havoc Created Around Tobruk

CAIRO, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Scores of bombs were seen to fall on enemy gun positions in the Tobruk area when squadrons of the South African air force delivered a heavy attack on Sunday.

The South Africans were flying Maryland bombers, states a communique from R.A.F. headquarters in the Middle East.

R.A.F. and South African Air Force fighters carried out offensive patrols over enemy occupied areas. During Saturday night a large formation of R.A.F. bombers attacked the harbour at Benghazi. In addition to causing a large number of fires, a direct hit was registered on an enemy anti-aircraft gun battery.

Low Flying

Some of these aircraft also machine-gunned anti-aircraft guns and searchlights at Berka aerodrome from a low altitude.

During the same night, aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm bombed the aerodrome at Ghat and on the previous day R.A.F. bombers attacked Misrata, where they demolished a block of houses with a direct hit and also severely damaged barrack buildings.

The R.A.F. carried out a successful attack on a number of Italian fighters on the ground at Regio in Italy on Sunday. Fragments of the aircraft were seen flying into the air as a result of the attack and it is known that a large number of Macchi 200's were destroyed. From these operations all our aircraft returned safely.

Headquarters Communique

CAIRO, Aug. 4 (UP).—To-day's general headquarters communique states: "Tobruk: Our offensive patrols from Tobruk continue their aggressive activities. Although valuable work has been done in locating and destroying hostile minefields, the enemy apparently refused to contact by withdrawing from their forward position under cover of darkness."

"In the frontier area, patrols from our mechanised units again harassed the enemy, particularly by artillery fire."

Lost And Stolen

D. R. Stevenson of Dina House, Dorell Street, reports the theft of money and a cigarette case valued at \$35 from his premises on Monday.

E. C. Lamb of Conduit Road reports that between midnight and 6.30 a.m. on Monday, someone entered his premises and stole jewellery and money valued at \$63.

Wong So of No. 24 Shing Wong Street, reports the theft of money and jewellery valued at \$253 on Monday night.

T. Nakata of 20 Ice House Street, reports the theft of a quantity of cloth valued at \$2,000 between April and August.

Loyal Indians Look To Future Confidently

SIMLA, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Jam Sahib, Chancellor of the Chamber of Princes, spoke at a luncheon today in honour of Sir Akbar Hydari, who is relinquishing the Premiership of Hyderabad State in order to take up the Viceroy's Executive Council office. Jam Sahib hoped that the expanded Council of the Viceroy and the National Defence Council plus the efforts of representatives from the provinces and states would strengthen India's defences and war effort against godless Nazi aggression, and would foster the spirit of mutual accommodation and goodwill on which alone the foundation of ordered progress in India could endure.

An Indian India

He paid tribute to Sir Akbar Hydari's services to Indian states and his efforts towards the re-organisation of the Chamber of Princes, which to-day was the most representative tribute in the united states of India.

Jam Sahib endorsed Sir Akbar Hydari's view that all possible precautions should be taken to make the survival of an Indian India reasonably certain in the proposed scheme for a greater India, and reiterated that Indian states play an honourable and glorious part as a separate entity in the cultural evolution of India.

Princes In Progress

Sir Akbar, replying, said that he hoped that when the time came for constitutional discussions on the future, the princely order would be found equal to the task of contributing to the evolution of India on the path of progress.

Many Indian Princes and state ministers, attended the luncheon which was laid out in "V" shape.

N.Y.K. Fire Origin Established

It has been established by the Police that the cause of the fire at the N.Y.K. offices on Sunday was a short circuit in the electrical wiring. Inspector Portillon, who was in charge of the investigation, stated that there were no suspicious circumstances.

How Nazis Opened Hostilities

MOSCOW, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Asserting that Germany threw in forces two to three times stronger numerically than the Red Army stationed at the frontier, the Communist organ "Pravda" computes that the Germans used 30 divisions (roughly 500,000 men), 10,000 first line aircraft and 15,000 tanks, adding that thanks to Soviet resistance and will, tales of stunning German victories have been replaced by arguments that seizure of territory takes second place to the annihilation of the Soviet armies.

"Pravda" adds: "The first German miscalculation was failure to destroy the Red Air Force and the panzer blows also failed to achieve their object."

"Tremendous losses are sapping German morale and instead of an eastern parade they are meeting death and destruction. It is too early to speak of the final results and there are fierce struggles ahead but Russian resistance and counter blows are daily becoming stronger."

Ignored Fire Engine

Pays \$15 Fine

For failing to immediately draw his car into the roadway and stop clear of crossings when a fire appliance indicated its approach, Wong Lok, of No. 80 Fuk Wah Street, was fined \$15 by Mr. H. C. Macnamara at Kowloon Magistrate's court this morning.

Evidence was given by Fireman No. 13, who stated that about 8.30 p.m. on July 9 on receipt of a fire alarm, he was sent out to the front of the Mongkok Fire Station to stop traffic. He stretched out his arms to indicate that a fire appliance was coming out. Defendant was driving a car which he swerved to the right to avoid witness and continued driving.

Witness's evidence was corroborated by Mr. R. Brooks, who was on the fire appliance at the time.

Defendant denied that any signal was given for the approach of the fire appliance. He added that he drove past the Fire Station before the fire engine came out.

N. Z. LINEN FLAX CROP SOLD FOR DURATION

WELLINGTON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The New Zealand Prime Minister (Mr. Peter Fraser) has cabled from London stating that the United Kingdom Government has agreed to buy for the duration of the war and for a year after it New Zealand's linen flax crop from 25,000 acres.

The prices for 1941-42-43-44 have already been agreed upon and prices after 1944 will also be fixed by mutual agreement.

The Minister of Commerce, Mr. Sullivan, described this arrangement as most satisfactory and said that the increased acreage would necessitate the erection of six more processing factories for which land had already been acquired.

Mr. Sullivan added that, apart from supplying Britain with fibre and although it was less than a year since the undertook to grow flax for Britain, New Zealand had supplied £35,000 worth of pedigree seed to Britain, India, Egypt and Australia, exceeding the value of the original seed received from Britain.

N.E.I. Will Relax Freezing

BATAVIA, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The Netherlands East Indies authorities have agreed to extend export licences to Japan for goods such as oil, rubber and tin, payment for which was settled prior to the N.E.I. action in freezing Japanese assets, says a Japanese report.

Japanese residents in the N.E.I. who are affected by the freezing order are reportedly being allowed to withdraw part of their accounts to cover payments for salaries, telegram fees and rentals on presentation of detailed claims to their banks.

PLAN FOR MASS SABOTAGE

Revelations By Mr Edgar Hoover

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (UP).—Writing in the "American Magazine," Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, said that organised saboteurs had planned a mass attack on defence plants last May, including the bombing of factories from private aeroplanes.

The article stated, "It is now possible to tell the real story behind the headlines. Startling information from reliable sources reached the F.B.I. that organised saboteurs were planning a mass attack on vital defence industries during the long Decoration Day week-end."

"Three days before the holiday, the F.B.I. confirmed the reports from foreign sources. Precautionary measures were taken to meet any eventualities. Nothing happened. National alertness and widespread publicity may have circumvented a disastrous outbreak of sabotage."

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LOCAL CHINESE TO MARK SHAI WAR ANNIVERSARY

With the approach of the fourth anniversary of the outbreak of Sino-Japanese hostilities in Shanghai on August 13, Chinese here are now making preparations to commemorate the occasion. Public organisations will hold commemorative meetings, and a fund campaign will be launched under the leadership of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce. "Donation boxes" will be installed in different banks and department stores. The Chinese Women's Soldiers Relief Association will hold a Flower Day and hawkers will hold a "patriotic sale" to raise funds for their home country.

U. S. Congress Matters

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (UP).—

The House to-day passed the defence tax bill by a vote of 309 to 30 and over-rode the powerful Ways and Means Committee's proposal to eliminate the provision requiring husbands and wives to file joint income tax returns on which to pay taxes, thus cutting \$323,000,000 from the estimated yield annually.

The Senate is expected to make substantial changes in the measure because the President is not satisfied with several of its provisions.

The Senate cleared the way for an early decision on the draft legislation and agreed to vote to-morrow on the amendment offered by Senator Robert Taft to extend the service of selectees by six months instead of the proposed eighteen.

Letter Quoted

During the debate on the service extension legislation, Senator Burton Wheeler quoted as the Senate a letter purportedly written by a British major in this country to a member of the British Parliament terming President Roosevelt as the "greatest dictator in all history," describing Secretary of War Colonel Henry Stimson as a "very decent pro-British man, and characterising Secretary of the Navy Colonel Frank Knox as "passionately anxious for America to come into the war at once." Senator Wheeler commented, "Now you can see why the British are so sure that we will enter the war in the near future."

Senator Wheeler interjected the letter into a speech given by Senator Gerald Nye, placing the responsibility of the present war on the Treaty of Versailles. Senator Josh Lee broke into Mr. Nye's speech with denunciation of German actions, saying, "The only thing wrong with the Treaty of Versailles is that it was too lady-like. We should have followed General Pershing's advice and carried the war to the enemy's country."

SOCONY TANKER DETAINED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SHANGHAI, Aug. 5 (UP).—Japanese authorities have detained the small Socony tanker a.s. Meiyu which is manned by a Chinese crew. Company officials are not certain as to the reasons for the detention.

Freezing Courtesy

TOKYO, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The Finance Ministry states that whereas the Japanese Government has been informed that Japanese diplomatic and consular services in Britain and Australia have been exempted from the assets freezing regulations, the same consideration is extended in Japan to British and Australian effective on August 5.

Quo Wants A Complete Democratic Blockade

CHUNGKING, Aug. 5 (Central News).—The belief that if China, the United States, Britain and Soviet Russia can make the economic blockade against Japan watertight Japan will collapse economically, was expressed by Dr Quo Tai-chi, Minister of Foreign Affairs, when speaking at the Sun Yat-sen weekly memorial service held jointly by the National Government and the Central Kuomintang Headquarters yesterday morning.

Dr Quo said, "Judging by the recent developments in the world situation, we feel that Japan is the weakest link in the Axis bloc. If the Democracies will only strengthen their economic blockade, Japan will quickly plunge into ruin. The collapse of the Axis will certainly be first seen in Japan and the victory of the Democracies will begin in the Far East."

The drastic economic measures adopted by the United States and Britain against Japan following her occupation of the south part of French Indo-China, Dr Quo said, came as a surprise to the aggressor who thought he could encroach upon a prostrate France with impunity.

Analysing Japan's motives in occupying the southern part of French Indo-China, Dr Quo said that she aimed at placing the whole French Colony under her military occupation, threatening Thailand, Burma and Yunnan and preparing a base for a thrust to Singapore and the Philippines.

"The United States," Dr Quo pointed out, "now takes the same attitude toward China's enemy—Japan—as toward Britain's enemies, Germany and Italy, and Britain has pledged to take parallel action with the United States in the Pacific. Thus closer co-operation has been effected between the United States and Britain."

In this world turmoil Japan, Dr Quo pointed out, had repeatedly charged her attitude toward the United States, Britain and Soviet Russia. The collapse of the second Konojo Cabinet indicated only her dilemma and nervousness.

Dr Quo recalled that since the Sino-Japanese war was started on July 7, 1937, Japan had changed six Cabinets whereas China had steadily followed the lead of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and adhered to a firm national policy.

Dr Quo said that though Japan was meeting with increasing difficulties, she had not yet awakened from her dream of the conquest of East Asia and domination of the Pacific.

Mr. S. E. FABER

Mr. S. E. Faber, A.P.C., D.S.C., M.I.E.T.E., the well-known Chartered Civil Engineer, arrived in England from Hongkong on July 27.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 4 (UP).—Gasoline stations in seventeen Eastern States from Maine to Florida to-day complied generally with the first test of the Government's 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. curfew, but dealers doubted whether or not any gasoline was saved.

Night sales were suspended voluntarily along the Eastern seaboard at the request of Mr. Harold Ickes, Defence Petroleum Co-ordinator, due to petroleum transportation difficulties. Only a few stations remained open, but motorists bought so heavily before closing that the sales increased from 10 to 60 per cent. on Sunday instead of decreasing.

Dealers are of the opinion that the voluntary curfew would be succeeded by compulsory rationing, perhaps after next Saturday.

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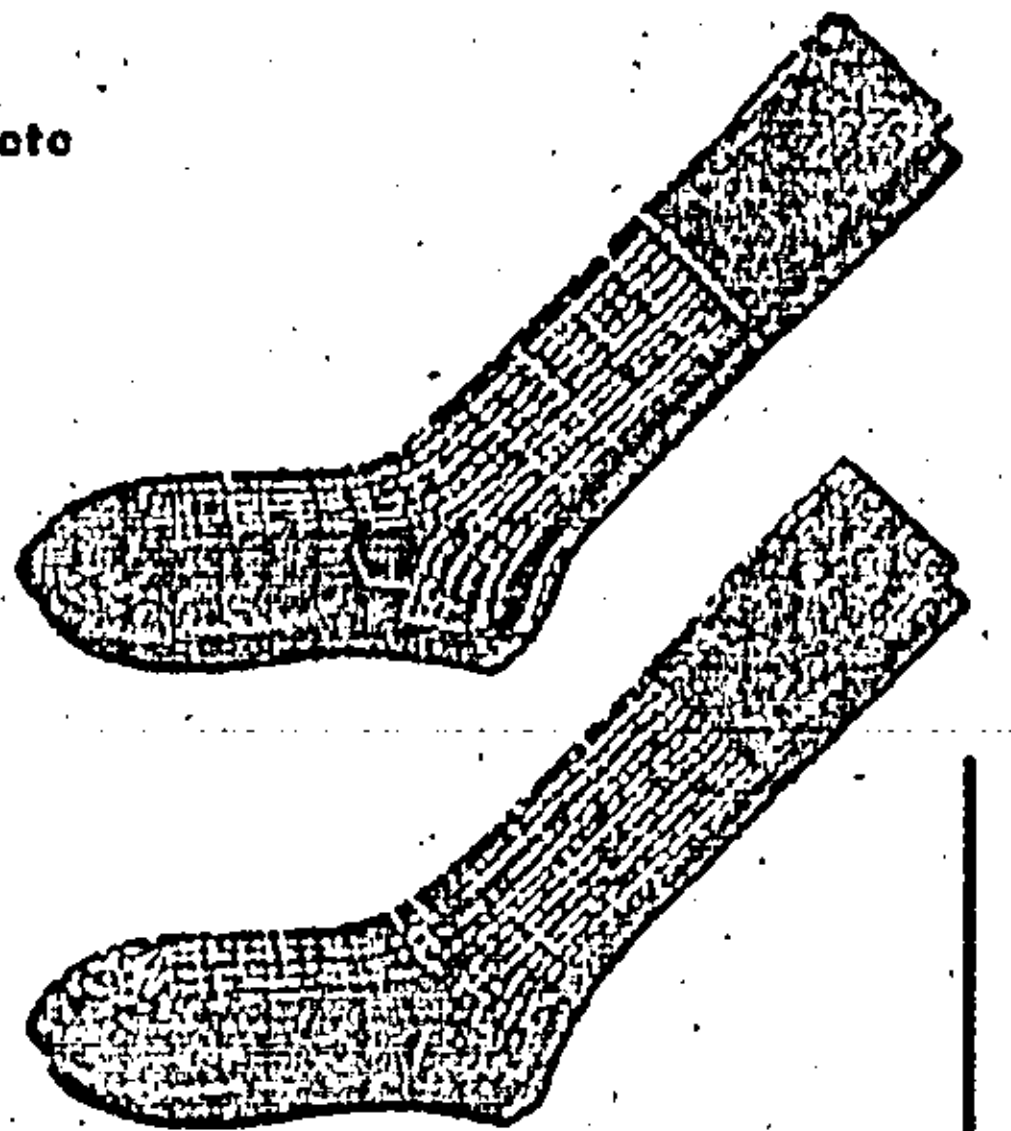
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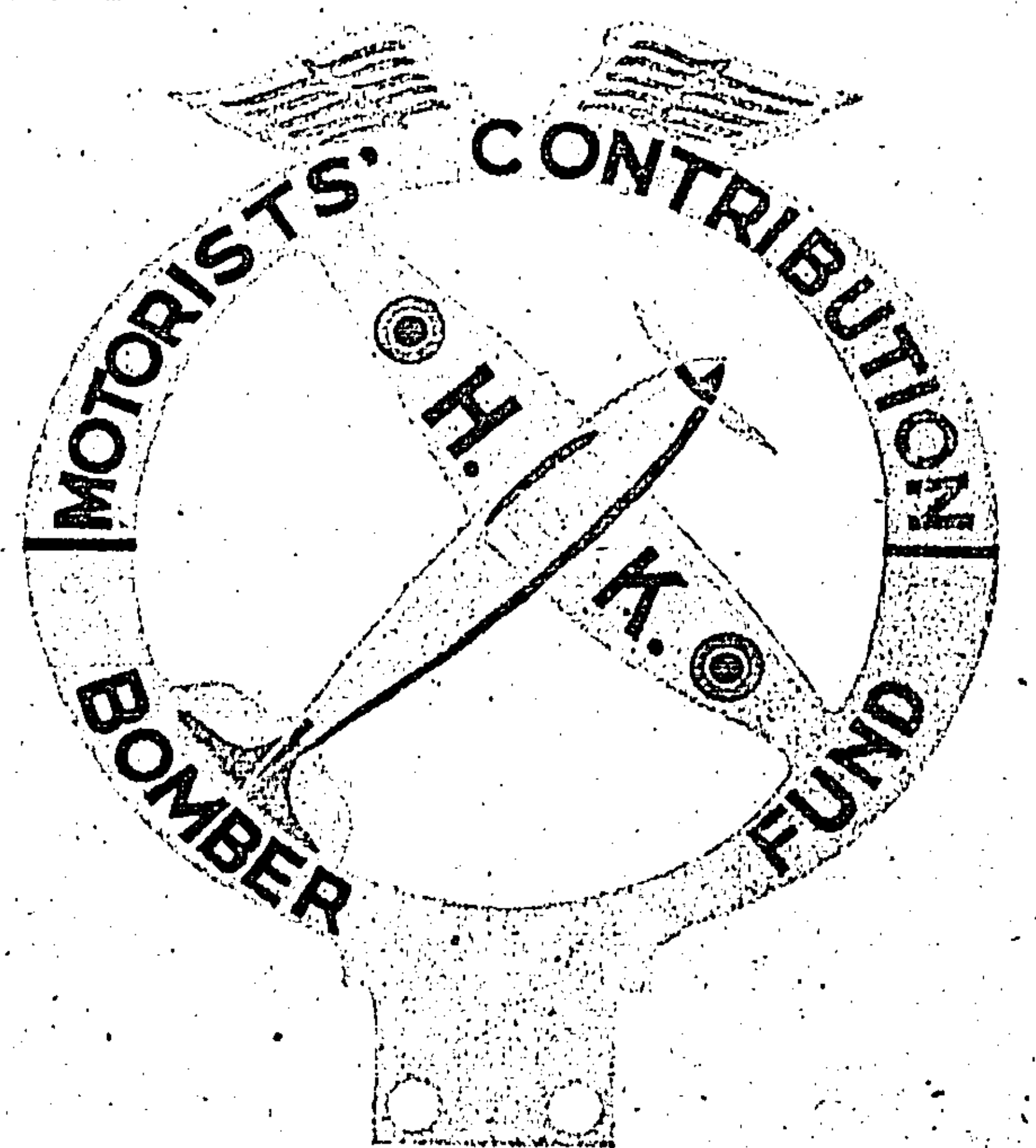
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"Ball Fan's" Baseball Notes

Mindanaomen At Pennantville's Door

Pitcher Powlowski Finds Old Form

Chung Hwa Battered And Humbled

Counter-balancing yet another dreary week-end baseball programme, when head-on winds from the north preceded a downpour of torrential rains to completely wash out the Sabbath tilt, the comeback hurling dished in by the brilliant Ski Powlowski, proved a boomerang tossed in the right direction, for ball fans at the Chatham Road park.

The high-powered "Skier" led Mindanao's terrific M to the very doors of Pennantville for the second year in succession, as the champions smashed through to a colossal 14-1 triumph over grandpa Leung's weak-willed Chung Hwa Maroons.

WITH a re-organised infield playing steady ball, and with the recently signed Mac MacKenzie making his debut bow before local ball fans in the outfield, the master speedballer bore down with all the confidence in the world.

Using a steady fast ball with a slight change of pace, Hongkong's leading twirler had the Chung Hwa Maroons virtually eating out of his hands as he set the Chinese favourites down with three meaty bingles and whiffed ten.

Setting off a few sparks in the opening stanza which had the gas-house mob warmed up at the outset, the Terrific M threatened to open up with the pressure by filling the bases on a single, a bunt and a walk, after Wee Willie Wilson had whiffed in the breeze; but Mac MacKenzie's foul ball and Robert Wilson's slow roller to hurler Wally Ching cut short this initial canto near uprisings.

The sparks ignited by the champions gradually opened up into a slow flame in the 2nd frame when two runs crossed the platter on a smashing double to centrefield by Spud Gronck, which sent Greasy Moore heading homeward; Morocco Chan's wild heave to third brought in the clauding Gronck with the second tally in this warm-up stanza.

Chung Hwa gushed through with their lone run in the last of the second when shortstop Greasy Moore bunted a hot roller by grandpa Leung, sending Morocco Chan whizzing across the plate to avert a shut-out.

Conflagration

The slow burning flame, ignited by the champions in the early part of the game, broke into red hot conflagration in the 5th stanza when five big tallies crossed the plate in a mad scoring splurge.

Mac MacKenzie singled past short to start off this eventful inning. Bob Wilson walked, and Chinese hurler Wally Ching's wild heave after scooping up a perfectly lined bunt by Bowersox, brought MacKenzie rushing in toward the plate. Greasy Moore laid down another perfect bunt along the third base line to send another run flashing across the pan. The flustered Wally Ching again threw wild as the Terrific M fans yelled gleefully when Bowersox cashed in at home plate. Gronck whiffed for the first out and Wee Willie Wilson grounded to third base, to make it two in a row as grandpa Leung's cheering chorus along Chatham Road breathed a temporary sigh of relief. Muddy Ruel came through with a mighty



LETTING ONE GO THROUGH
Spud Gronck, Mindanao, giving a ball the "once over", and it looks like a walk, for the ump. Welfie Welford, has three digits of the left hand out. Bill Chang, Chung Hwa catching.—Ming Yuen.

Saturday's Stars

Ski Powlowski and Hank Ruel, Mindanao—The popular "Skier" made a brilliant comeback to pitching form as he set the Maroon gang down with three scattered bingles and fanned ten; latter dished in with a steady fielding game in his initial appearance at first base. The "Crooner" also slammed out two sizzling hits and crossed the platter with two tallies.

swinging in the Mindanao rally, crashing out a sizzling liner through second to drive in Greasy Moore. Sluzger Tony Muscavage's bingle brought in the "Crooner" with the fifth tally. Mac MacKenzie struck out to end this disastrous Chinese Maroon inning.

Game Ends

This eventful inning meant the ball game and restored the confidence, so synonymous in the make-up of champions, to Mindanao's pennant-holding ball team, after that ill-fated loss to the marauding Mohawks a few weeks back.

With the burning yearn for more runs solidly imbedded in the American gunboat ball machine, the flame of red hot conflagration tempo reached its climax pinnacle in the last canto when six (count 'em) runs crashed over the platter in a mad merry-go-round spree—sending the Maroons out with another big loss, definitely telling the gas-house mob, just who will nab the Bagram Shield this year, sending a spark of that well-known "happy feeling" to all Mindanao fans at Ski Powlowski's return to twirling form and telling one and all in gigantic red-trimmed letters, "Pennantville has been reached."

Score:—

Mindanao	0	2	1	0	5	0	6	14	0	2
Chung Hwa	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	10

Batteries:—Ski Powlowski and Tony Muscavage; Wally Ching and Bill Chang.

League Standing

	W.	L.	Pts.
U.S.S. Mindanao	5	1	857
Hongkong Beer	4	1	800
Chung Hwa Maroons	3	3	571
U.S.S. Asheville-Tulsa	1	1	500
H.K.B.C. Mohawks	3	4	429
Royal Engineers	2	5	286
South China	1	6	143

* have withdrawn.

Louis-Nova-Conn Merry-Go-Round

NEW YORK.—The heavyweight picture to-day is triangular, with the solemn face of Joe Louis in one corner, the sweet but slightly damaged kisser of Billy Conn in another, and the anxious countenance of Lou Nova in the third, writes John Lardner in the Vancouver "Daily Province."

Mr Nova wants to fight Louis this year, for reasons both cosmic and financial, but they probably will ask him to beat Conn first if they don't ignore him completely.

Mr Nova does not wish to beat Conn, or even to meet him socially. He believes Conn's place is in the ash can. He wants Louis now.

"Why should I have to fool with Conn?" the sun-kissed student from California was asking after Conn's lively waltz with Louis. "He's not my size; he's not in my class. I've beaten tougher fellows than he is. Besides, Mike Jacobs promised me the September shot with Louis, and Louis is the boy I want."

A bystander suggested that if Mr Nova declines to mingle with Conn, they may just skip the Californian entirely and rematch Conn with Louis.

"Both Too Big For Conn"

"WHAT for?" said Mr Nova stubbornly. "Louis stiffened Conn. He washed him up. He proved his point. He's too big for him. We're both too big for him. Why don't Conn go somewhere and play and leave us heavyweights to settle the heavyweight situation?"

This reasoning, though highly sound from the point of view of Mr Nova and his immediate relatives, will not, of course, make any impression on Michael Shiversbury Jacobs, the Duce (pronounced duce) of boxing. Uncle Mike has three good cards in his hand, and he is going to play them his own way.

The Louis-Conn-Nova triangle has a rather odd phase. I think Louis can lick Conn again; I think Conn can lick Nova, and I'm beginning to suspect that Nova can lick Louis.

Mind you, none of the characters in question concedes these points. Conn believes himself to be master of the situation. Louis is confident against anybody. And Nova's contempt for Conn is perfectly genuine.

But styles and weights and speed and power produce different results

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Chinese Soccerites Soon Returning

SYDNEY, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Because of the tension in the Far East, the Chinese soccer team now in Australia will leave for Hongkong after playing the last test.

V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A. Swimming Trials To-night

FURTHER TRIALS for the selection of the V.R.C.-Y.M.C.A. team to meet the Combined Chinese Clubs this week-end at the V.R.C. will take place this evening in the V.R.C. pool. These will commence at 8 p.m.

All-Schools Gala

As regards the all-schools gala on August 23, a meeting of representatives will be held at the V.R.C. this evening. This, also, is scheduled for 8 p.m.

To date, eight entries have been received. Five are from boys' schools. These are: Boys—St Joseph's College, La Salle College, Diocesan Boys' School, St Stephen's College and Nam Hwa College.

Girls—St Mary's School and the French Convent.

South China's

Second Gala

South China A. A. will hold their second swimming gala of the season to-night, at North Point, commencing at 7.30 p.m.

The programme is: Men's 50 metres free-style, men's 200 metres breast stroke, ladies' 100 metres free-style, men's 50 breast stroke, 50 metres handcap (training stroke), men's 200 metres breast stroke (handicap), 50 metres blindfold race, ladies' 200 metres breast stroke (handicap), diving and water-polo (South China v. Chinese Bathing Club).

Exhibition Model Aeroplane Contest This Month

Sponsored by the Hongkong Model Plane Association, the first Model Plane Exhibition in Hongkong is scheduled to take place on August 14, when over 10 different types of model planes will be on display.

Entries must be made before August 10, and planes sent to the Association before August 13. The planes will be exhibited on the show shelves of the China Products Company, Des Voeux Road Central.

The Board of Directors of the Association held a meeting yesterday when it was decided to invite General Chen Chin-yun, Vice-Minister of Overseas Affairs, General Li Fu-yuan, Mr Liang Shou-yi and Mr Huang Shui-hai as judges.

A Model Plane flying contest is also being planned and up to the present more than 100 entries have been received.

County Teams In Holiday Cricket Action

W. J. Edrich Scores 102

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—With the majority of the leading players in action, cricket was the main August Bank Holiday attraction today. A crowd of 20,000 saw a combined Middlesex-Essex side score 412 for 6 declared against a combined Kent-Surrey XI at Lord's.

The outstanding feature of this match was the innings of 102 by Squadron Leader W. J. Edrich, the England Test cricketer. This match concludes to-morrow.

Worcester Wins

Worcestershire beat Warwickshire by 32 runs. Worcester—139. Warwick—107.

Drawn Match

Northants drew with Leicestershire. Scores were: Northants—165 for 8 decld. Leicester—10 for 1.

60 For O'Connor

London Counties, comprising several of the leading southern County players drew with the Mayor of Southgate's XI to-day. Scores were: London Counties—163 (O'Connor, of Essex, 60). Mayor of Southgate's XI—23 for 4.

Derby-Notts Draw

Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire drew. Scores were: Derby—216 for 8 declared. Notts—57 for 1.

Two Hat-Tricks In One Match

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—A two-day cricket match took place over the weekend between a British Empire team and the Metropolitan Police. British Empire won by 163.

Remarkable bowling marked the match. T. Oliver of the Police took six for 35, including the hat trick in the Empire's second innings, but Police in their second innings found C. B. Clarke, the West Indies test player, practically unplayable. Clarke took all 10 wickets for 29, including the hat trick. Scores: British Empire—172 and 146-0 (declared). Police—93 and 72.

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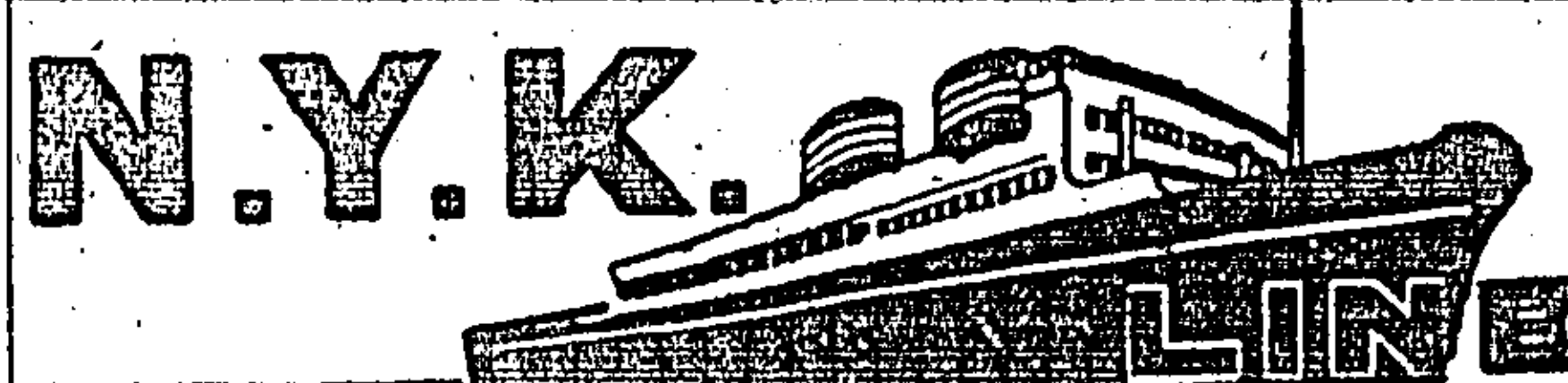
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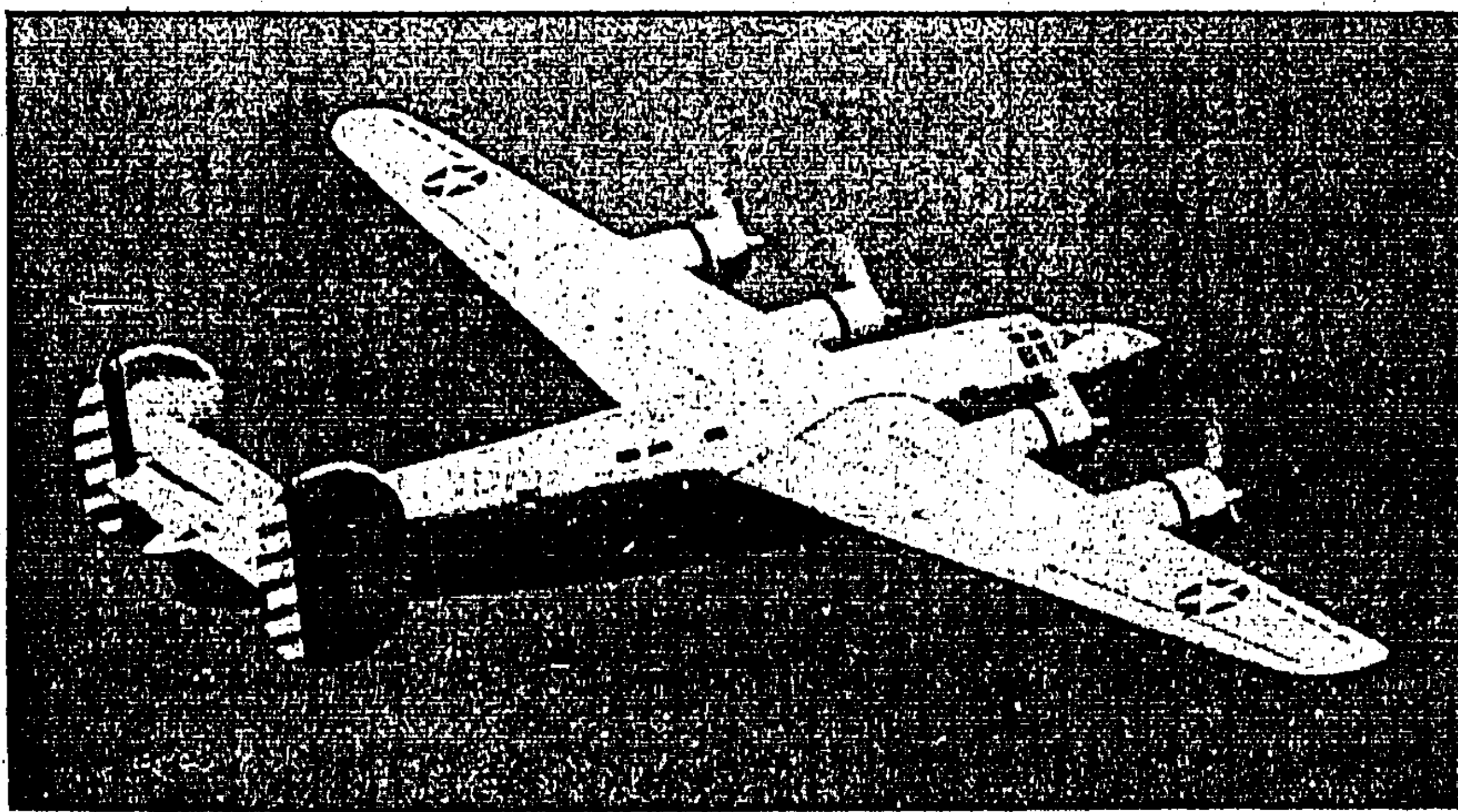
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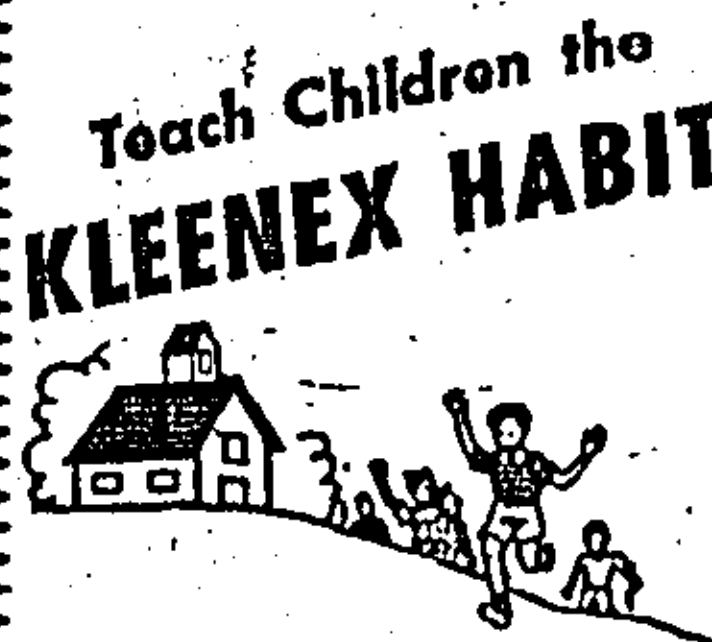


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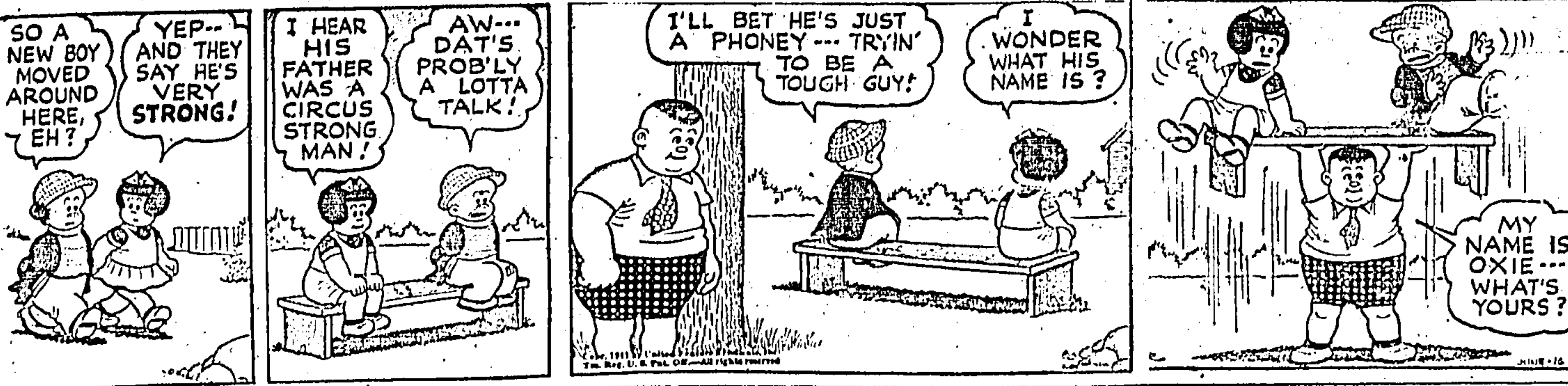
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Insidious Nazi Intrigue Provokes Latin America

LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The continent of South America has figured largely in the news during the past fortnight when from the United States border to Tierra del Fuego have come reports of abortive Nazi intrigues to dictate policy to the high-spirited Latin American nations.

It began with circumstantial details of a Nazi putsch which was to have been carried out in Bolivia. This was revealed in a letter by Mayor Elias Delmonte, Bolivian military attache in Berlin and would-be Quisling, to Ernst Wendler, German minister at La Paz. Delmonte wrote, "My friends in the Wilhelmstrasse tell me that information received from you shows that the moment is approaching for the liberation of my poor country from its weak Government and its entirely capitalistic tendencies."

This and other documents were published by the Bolivian President to justify the expulsion of the German Minister and the arrest of several notorious sympathisers. The German Government retorted by ordering the Bolivian Charge d'Affaires Mr. Alfred Flores, to leave the Reich within 72 hours. Although complete evidence was discovered of Germany's conspiracy to overthrow the existing Bolivian Government and constitution, Bolivia has so far refrained from breaking off diplomatic relations.

The publication of the United States "black list" of South American things gave Germany another opportunity to foment anti-United States feeling in the Latin country.

Mexico Shows Spirit
The German note to Mexico actually insisted that the Mexican Government should protest against the black list.

Mexico made a spirited reply telling the Reich Government in almost as many words to mind their own business.

The Mexican reply tartly says: "Mexico is capable of taking care of her own sovereignty and freedom of trade without any prompting from foreign Powers."

The German note intimated that the Mexican attitude on the question of the black list would determine the German attitude towards Mexican trade after the war.

The Mexican note described this threat as "pressure in open contradiction to the spirit of mutual respect governing foreign relations of the Mexican Republic."

Pan-Americanism.
The opportunity was taken to proclaim without any ambiguity the Mexican Government's adherence to the "principle of inter-American co-operation."

This affair was followed by a public demand in Mexico for the expulsion of the German Minister and other Nazi agents. The Mexican Trade Union Congress passed a resolution declaring the German note an "intolerable insult to the country."

Feeling against Nazi interference with Latin American sovereignty is running equally high in Chile and Argentina. In Argentine police raids have been made on the German Embassy and various German-controlled institutions. The Argentine authorities found secret code messages proving that Nazi agents fomented the recent Peru-Ecuador frontier battles.

The message was found inside a short-wave radio set seized by the investigation Committee Chairman, Mr. Raoul Donato, on its smuggled return from Peru where it was refused entry.

Order to Agents
The message ordered all Nazi agents in Peru and Bolivia to follow all instructions issued by four Nazi envoys in South America at their last meeting in Santiago, Chile.

Vichy-Berlin Bonds Cemented

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MARSEILLES, Aug. 4 (Domel).—M. Paul Marion, Minister of Information in the Vichy Government, stressed the necessity of Franco-German coalition at a meeting of Government representatives and members of the Commerce and Industry Ministry held recently. M. Marion said that malicious rumours had been in circulation but in fact Germany was not planning to enforce any demands which would soil the reputation of Premier Petain or of Vice-Premier Admiral Darlan. He asserted that Marshal Petain and Admiral Darlan were right in their conviction that the only way to save France from the reverses of defeat was through unconditional co-operation with Germany, with which the French People should acquiesce. France and Germany, the Minister stressed, are correlated in their existence.

Cheung Chau Residents' Association

The Annual Meeting of the Cheung Chau Residents' Association was held yesterday, with Mr. D. O. Silver, President in the chair.

The meeting opened with prayer offered up by Rev. J. A. Kemp, and the reports were read by Mrs. Lily Franklin, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

As there were so few on the island at present owing to the evacuation of both British and American residents, it was decided that the last year's office bearers carry on for the ensuing year, namely:—President, Mr. D. O. Silver; Vice-Presidents, Messrs Harold Smyth and James Smith; Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Lily Franklin.

It was also decided that the Government be approached again for the usual grant of \$50 for the upkeep of the roads and paths on the island. The meeting was then adjourned and the Householders and Owners met and decided that no change be made in the constitution.

N.Y. Stampede For Silk Stockings

NEW YORK, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Hoarding of silk stockings by American women increases and Fifth Avenue shopkeepers described as a "mad house" to-day's stampede of women anxious to get as many pairs as possible while they are still obtainable.

Shops scenes were extraordinary. Women were kept waiting their turn behind red plush ropes supervised by uniformed guards while extra counter clerks struggled to cope with the sales which amounted to five times the normal sale activity.

GOLF DONATION TO "SPITFIRE FUND"

The Secretary of the Ladies Golf Union, London, in acknowledgment of a remittance from the Ladies Section of the R.H.K.G.C. to the "Spitfire Fund" writes:

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Louis-Nova-Conn Merry-Go-Round

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each time you combine them differently.

In the Ivy-courted big three, Yale used to whale Princeton in football, and Princeton whaled Harvard. But Harvard was always very tough for Yale.

In tennis, 20 years ago, there was another overlapping triangle of the same kind.

Matter Of Styles
VINCENT Richards, then a boy wonder, had Big Bill Tilden's number. He didn't beat Bill's number, but invariably he gave him trouble. Tilden had little Bill Johnston under his thumb. He whipped Johnston at will. But Johnston beat Richards, the nemesis of Tilden, with great consistency.

It was mostly a matter of styles, and the same explanation applies to Louis and Conn and Nova—if I am correct in my previous and electrifying theory that Louis can beat Conn, Conn can beat Nova, and Nova can beat Louis.

By this theory, Louis hits too swiftly and murderously for Conn. A lot of the boys have told you Conn might have won if he'd boxed and run in the last three rounds of their fight.

I don't believe it for a minute. Conn was boxing and running when Louis nailed him with a right in the thirteenth round. It was Joe's first square hit of the evening, to the head, and when Louis really nails you, you don't box and run any more. You either drop at once, or you do what Conn did—try desperately to carry the fight back to Louis. Conn was nailed and cornered, and he fought back bravely, but unavoidably.

Now, although Louis will knock out the Conn when he hits them cleanly, the Novas are a different family.

I doubt whether Nova is fast enough to stop or catch Conn. On the other hand, I think Nova can take Louis's best punch—the best punch of the Louis of 1941. Nova is strong as a bull, burning with ambition, a great absorber, and just skilful enough to stab Louis, to cut him, to hurt him, and perhaps to stop him.

WAILING WALL PILGRIMAGE

JERUSALEM, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—A record pilgrimage estimated at well over 25,000 persons visited the historic Wailing Wall in the old city of Jerusalem during Saturday and Sunday of the destruction of the second temple in A.D. 70.

Exchange At A Glance

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Demand London	1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	400
T.T. Singapore	52 1/4
T.T. Japan	102 1/4
T.T. India	82 1/4
T.T. U.S.A.	24 1/4
T.T. Manila	49 1/4
T.T. Batavia	40 1/4
T.T. Bangkok	140 1/4
T.T. Saigon	100
T.T. France	100
T.T. Switzerland	105
T.T. Australia	1/6 1/4

BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	23 1/4
4 m/s P/O U.S.A.	23 1/4
30 d/s India	84 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/4
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	—

Chinese Victory In Hupeh

ENSHIH, Aug. 4 (Central News).—Chinese forces in west Hupeh scored a substantial victory last Saturday when they defeated over 7,000 Japanese troops northeast of Ichang, forcing them in the direction of Yangyang, 30 miles north of Ichang.

The Japanese based along the Ichang-Kingmen highway moved three columns against the Chinese forces heading for Ichang. A battle of sizeable magnitude subsequently developed featured by Chinese efforts to lure the Japanese main column inland before counter-attacking.

A Japanese counter-thrust assisted by bombing planes and light artillery failed. A Japanese general retreat ensued with the Chinese pursuing.

Scattered Bombings On Britain

LONDON, Aug. 4 (UP).—A joint communique issued by the Ministry of Home Security and the Air Ministry states that there was slight enemy activity on the east coasts of Scotland and England last night.

Bombs were dropped at a few scattered points including one in north-east England where some houses were demolished and some casualties caused, including a small number of people killed.

Repatriating Americans From Japan

One Ship Possible

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (UP).—The Maritime Commission officials to-day stated that their emergency shipping division could arrange for a ship to repatriate Americans from Japan should the State Department deem it advisable.

In the meantime, Mr. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State said that he was studying the problem, and reminded the press conference that Americans a long time ago were advised to return from the Far East while transportation was available.

Tatuta Sails

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 4 (UP).—The much-delayed Japanese liner Tatuta Matsui sailed at 10 a.m. to-day bearing 350 passengers, mostly Japanese nationals and no cargo. However, she carried 1,577 barrels of lubricating oil for which an export permit was granted by the Export Control Board at Washington.

"Japan Has Worked... To Keep Peace"

TOKYO, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Prejudices abroad have prevented a fair understanding of the Far Eastern situation, declared the "Japan Times," organ of the Japanese Foreign Office, which affirms that the policy of Japan is one of "Hakko Ichi Aye," meaning "an harmonious world under one heaven."

The newspaper complains of America's pursuit of a policy consistently imperialistic and says that no volume of moral impeachments on her part can offset the evidence of America's spreading domination.

Adding that Washington has extended its influence far from the New World into the territory of other peoples, the newspaper urges the American people to re-examine the policy which designs the attempted punishment of all foreign countries which do not line up with American power politics.

Japan has worked consistently to keep peace in the Far East, and has the right to live in peace, and co-operation with the territories around it.

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fields. Japanese fighters and trucks are at Tourane aerodrome. The majority of the Japanese air strength is believed to be concentrated at the moment at Nhatrang, situated about 200 miles from the coast. Two squadrons of fighters and one squadron of bombers.

Japanese truck convoys are moving in a steady stream to Cambodia and two convoys of trucks, anti-aircraft and field guns were seen moving to the north.

Dispositions of British Troops
LONDON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—It is learned in London that there is no truth in the rumour that Britain has sent 100,000 troops to the Thailand border. The dispositions of the British forces in Singapore are purely defensive and no move of the magnitude indicated has taken place.

Australian Reaction
SYDNEY, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Mr. P. C. Spender, the Minister for War, in a speech here to-day said that Australia was looking at the rising tension in the Far East with calm but determined eyes.

"Our most earnest endeavour is to preserve peace in the Pacific, but we are not prepared to give up at gun-point the interests and Imperial possessions which it is our joint responsibility to guard nor see them whittled away by stealthy encroachment and infiltration," said Mr. Spender.

Misgivings
"Indo-China, Malaya and Thailand are close neighbours to Australia as Japan. We look with misgiving at the arrival of Japanese forces in Indo-China. Indications are not lacking that Japan intends going even further. Talk by Japan of protection is only a cynical pretext for unbridled aggression."

"Australia, if necessary, will give ringing proof that she means to control her destiny. Ninety thousand Australian troops are already abroad and they will be substantially increased. More than 100,000 enlisted in the A.I.F., equivalent on a population basis to 3,000,000 Americans. Some 250,000 militiamen are maintaining home defence."

Tokyo Temperature
TOKYO, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—The absence from Tokyo of Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador, and Sir John Latham, the Australian Minister, and the return to-day of Mr. Joseph C. Grew, the United States Ambassador, in a cheerful frame possibly indicate that nothing serious is coming immediately, but it is obvious that Japan is stalling for time to complete domestic preparations.

The quietude of the last few days has been given an ominous tone by the continued press hostility to the Democrats and an almost frenzied invocation of the national general mobilisation law in fields hitherto untouched.

The "Yomiuri" to-day notes Colonel Knox's assertion that Japan has oil stocks to last 18 months of warfare and reports "So what?" The paper adds the allegation that Chungking has access to vast but unpublished petrol resources from Burma.

Chungking Hopes
CHUNGKING, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—With Germany bogged in Russia, it is believed in many quarters that Britain and the United States may turn their full attention to the Far East.

These circles point to many indications that a show-down is being forced with Japan, such as the recent freezing of Japanese assets, the abrogation of commercial agreements, further American oil restrictions, the arrival of large British forces in Malaya and Burma, and the strengthening of American defences in the Philippines.

If this show-down should come in the Pacific, competent Chinese observers predict that the outcome is likely to be determined within a year.

China Is Stronger
Meanwhile the Chinese military position has been greatly strengthened with the continued arrival of American and Soviet supplies. While official quarters decline to make any comment, it is learned in well-informed sources that not only American aircraft and volunteer pilots but also Soviet artillery, aircraft and volunteer pilots are arriving in China in large numbers.

Move Completed.
SAIGON, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Completion of the landing and stationing in various sectors of Japanese reinforcements to French Indo-China according to the provisions of the Franco-Japanese agreement regarding the joint defence of the country was announced to-day by the headquarters of the Japanese forces.

Nazi Arrives In Hanoi
HANOI, Aug. 4 (UP).—Herr Ernest Neumann arrived here this afternoon by plane from Tokyo and is continuing on to Saigon tomorrow.

Herr Neumann, before the war, was the German Consul at Hanoi and was appointed as representative on the Armistice Commission in Indo-China.

U.S., Russia And England v. Axis

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and strenuously. Remember that in battle he who hesitates is lost."

Gayda's Accusation
ROME, Aug. 4 (UP).—Writing editorially in the "Giornale d'Italia" to-day, Signor Gayda declared that President Roosevelt is provoking Russian retaliation by sending oil to Russia while embargoing it to Japan. "He cannot change with this or other half measures the fatal outcome for Russia. Rather, Roosevelt should count on Japan's natural reaction, especially regarding Russia, since the Soviets are at present lined up with Britain and the North American war mongers who are open enemies to the Japanese cause of expansion," Gayda stated.

Production For Defence In America

WASHINGTON, Aug. 3 (UP).

Defence officials have drafted plans for a future monthly production of 125,000,000 pounds of aluminum.

Production for April was nearly 50,000,000 pounds—double January production of 25,000,000 pounds—but announcement of President Roosevelt's heavy bomber programme will more than double and possibly triple that figure.

Emergency facilities now are being constructed for an anticipated production of 75,000,000 pounds a month by early 1942.

Magnesium production, which will total about 25,000,000 pounds this year, will be multiplied "several times" to provide supplies for the four-engined heavy bombers. Only two plants are in production at Midland, Michigan, and Freeport, Texas, with another being constructed in California.

Aluminum production during 1940 reached 412,560,000 pounds, but according to present plans production eventually will be 1,500,000,000 pounds annually.

In the opinion of defence leaders, problems growing out of the expanded aircraft production plan compared with the aluminum production. A further cut in automobile production. It may be cut in half to further the expanded plane programme.

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ment evacuated about ninety-percent of the European women and children from Hongkong, most of whom were sent all the way to Australia, about as far from Hongkong as San Francisco.

The Powers-That-Be in Hongkong, however, are no ostriches. There is clear evidence on every hand that they mean business—that they mean to defend this place from attack. And it'll not be merely a token defence, either. For Hongkong, fairly bristled with big guns, anti-aircraft, powerful searchlights, barbed wire and camouflaging. And plenty of troops too. The harbour is well mined, and a constant air and sea patrol is maintained for many miles out to sea.

There is no naval or air force here to speak of, the Japanese can never be too sure but what a British air force, or even a fleet, would not suddenly make their appearance. Unquestionably, an attack on Britain out here would result in an immediate British military alliance with China—with cooperative action.

Meanwhile, for the immediate protection of Hongkong's million and a half civilians from an air blitz, the hills upon which the city is built have been literally honeycombed with an elaborate system of tunnels drilled deep into the solid rock, with entrances opening right off the streets. Drilled under the direction of a firm of American mining engineers, these tunnel-shelters vary in capacity from a thousand to one accommodating over thirty thousand people. I now return you to NBC.

LATE NEWS

TIMELY WARNING TO MALAYA

SINGAPORE, Aug. 5 (Reuter).—A strong warning to the population of Malaya against thinking that and acting as if the present Far Eastern crisis will solve itself peacefully just because numerous other Far Eastern crises were so solved recently is pressed in a leader in to-day's Singapore "Free Press" military edition.

The newspaper declares, "There is certainly no need for an alarmist view of the future...but it is dangerous to ignore the signs." Examining these signs, the newspaper says that the only comfort in the present situation is the weakness of the Japanese home front which is in no condition to stand the strain of a war against Britain, the N.E.I., and probably America.

However, quite apart from the fanatical extremists "Japanese leaders may feel that an attack against Malaya and the N.E.I. would not leave Japan in a worse position than she is to-day. It will either succeed or fail and give better excuse for the unhappy state of affairs existing in Japan."

"The only safe policy, therefore, is to assume that Japan won't stop where she is." The newspaper advocates that the finishing touches be put forthwith to complete defence and economic arrangements.

Thailand Is Japan's Immediate Concern

TOKYO, Aug. 5 (UP).—The "Kokumin Shinbun" to-day declared that Thailand should follow Indo-China's example and secure her defence through Japanese assistance. The paper added that the Netherlands East Indies are an indispensable element in Japan's projected Great East Asia Co-Prosperity Sphere, adding, however, that Thailand was Japan's immediate concern.

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1,000 German officers and men killed," the communique added.

Aerial Activity

Another communique states, "Our aircraft are fighting the enemy in the directions of Smolensk, Korosten, Delatyn-serkov and the Estonian sectors. There were no major engagements in the remaining sectors. In co-operation with the land forces, Soviet aviation dealt blows on enemy mechanised and motorised units, infantry and artillery."

Nazi Air Raid Failures

MOSCOW, Aug. 4 (UP).—The German attempts to bomb Leningrad have been even less successful than the attempts on Moscow, according to General Mikhail Prosvetkin's claims in "Pravda."

He stated that although the raids began the first day of the war, often several times daily and nightly, not a single bomb has been dropped on the city. The Luftwaffe has been unable to penetrate the inner ring of defences comprising, anti-aircraft guns, fighters and balloons which invariably intercepted and routed the Germans over the outer zones.

Predicting an intensification of the raids the General said that Leningrad is fully prepared to meet any eventuality.

Russian Pockets

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Reports from Germany on the Russian war continued to announce the destruction of Russian pockets of resistance on the two main fronts of Smolensk and Kiev. It is claimed that the advance eastwards is being remorselessly continued at various speeds, the impression being that the Germans are staying where they have arrived or are advancing but that they are never forced back.

It is now claimed that the necessity of dealing with the Russian pockets, while slowing the German advance, has also given time for slower units to catch up.

Advantage of Lull

"The military correspondent of the 'Demokraten' considers that the Germans have now completed their arrangements for the rear sectors for the relief of exhausted troops and re-organisation of harried units and for overhaul of mechanical material and bringing up fresh units ready to renew the offensive but despite attacks on their communications, the Russians have also certainly benefited by the pause."

The same newspaper's Berlin correspondent reports that the German troops are of inferior quality to those at first engaged.

Military experts expect that, fresh large-scale attacks by the Germans will shortly be chiefly directed at Leningrad, Moscow, Kiev and Odessa.

Finns Still Held

The Finns are still attempting to press through the isthmus connecting Sweden and Oleneg which, if successful, would threaten to cut the Murmansk Line and also the Stalin Canal.

A Finnish advance here can bring pressure on Leningrad from the east but the intention of the Russians to hold Sordavilla is evidenced by the fact that they have not carried out the destruction of the town.

Activity at Hangoe is still only artillery. Reports of constant arrivals of Russians from Estonia suggest that he Finns hope to starve out the garrison of Hangoe is a vain one.

Evacuation Story

ZURICH, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Asserting that evacuation from Moscow of men unfit for work, and mothers and children has begun, the "Frankfurter Zeitung" says that the Russians have profited by the experience of the French campaign and have strictly forbidden refugees to use railways and main roads in order not to impede military movements.

Northern Sector

VICHY, Aug. 4 (Reuter).—Heavy fighting is continuing round Sordavilla, on the northern tip of Lake Ladoga, which the Russians continue to hold against all attacks, according to Helsinki reports received here to-night.

Soviet tanks are counter-attacking. The garrison of this strong point on the flank of the Finnish drives on both sides of Lake Ladoga is said to have been strongly reinforced.

Sordavilla is the centre of the great network of fortifications built by Russians in territory ceded by Finland last year. The broken nature of the terrain favours the defence, which is well-equipped with artillery.

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as a result of Marshal Pétain's "reaction" to the new Axis demands for closer collaboration. It is said that Admiral Darlan and General Weygand, will support him in this stand.

No Repetition

Authorised circles took issue with Mr. Welles' statement but said that there will not be any repetition of the French-Japanese deal because the "circumstances are not the same" in other parts of the French Empire. One spokesman recalled that on August 30, 1940, M. Paul Baudouin, the then Foreign Minister, signed a treaty with Japan whereby Vichy recognised Japan's preponderant position in the Far East, and added, "on that account, we gave military facilities and at that time the United States did not react." The Japanese said at that time there were enemy concentrations threatening Indo-China. The spokesman stressed the fact that the Japanese cited the enemy concentrations as being exclusively Chinese.

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GERMANS REGRETTED ANTAGONISING CHINA

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4 (Central News).—China's swift and decisive action in severing diplomatic relations with Germany on her recognition of the Wang Ching-wei regime came as a complete surprise to Reich official circles, Mr. Chen Chieh, returned envoy, informed the "Central News" in an exclusive interview to-day.

Generally speaking German officials and financiers regretted the severance of relations between the two countries while civilians were particularly surprised and deplored the recognition of the puppet government, Mr. Chen said.

Chinese are still popular with the Germans and many families of high German officials and financiers had fared well to the Chinese, diplomats upon their departure from Berlin. Mr. Chen disclosed that the Japanese had been working very hard to get Berlin's recognition of the puppet government and it is generally believed that recognition was granted merely to maintain Mr. Yosuke Matsuzaki's position in the Konoze Cabinet in order to keep the Axis intact. Berlin's recognition was not particularly out of love for the Japanese or dislike for China but chiefly as an expedient in view of Japan's wavering attitude which caused anxiety in Germany.

Anti-War Sentiment
Asked about the internal situation in Germany, Mr. Chen said that there is undoubtedly a certain amount of anti-war sentiment existing but this cannot and large-scale expression. War supplies and foodstuffs from occupied countries are insufficient to meet German demands and the country is facing financial difficulties.

German Ship Is Intercepted
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Aug. 4 (UP).—The Admiralty announced to-day that the Royal Navy has intercepted the German steamer Frankfurt of 5,520 tons which was attempting to run the blockade from Rio de Janeiro. The time and place was not specified. This is the eighth German blockade runner to be intercepted this year.

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